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CONGRESS MUST OBSERVE THEIR OBLIGATIONS.

LAW AND ORDER IMPERATIVE

The discontinuance of the civil disobedience movement in India and the abandonment of the activities employed in connection with it are announced in a long statement issued in New Delhi yesterday and read in the House of Commons yesterday afternoon by the Secretary of State for India, Mr. Weidwood-Benn.

The statement gives the text of the settlement reached in the conversations between the Viceroy and Mr. Gandhi.

As regards the constitutional questions the scope of future discussions is stated, with the assent of His Majesty's Government, to be, with the further consideration of the scheme for the constitutional Government of India, discussed in the Round Table Conference.

NO MORE DEFIANCE

Rugby, Yesterday.

In pursuance of the statement made by the Prime Minister on January 19, steps will be taken for the participation of representatives of the Congress in further discussions on constitutional reform.

Civil disobedience will be effectively discontinued, and reciprocal action will be taken by the Government. Effective discontinuance means effective discontinuance of all activities by whatever method pursued in furtherance thereof and in particular:

Firstly: The organised defiance of the provisions of any laws;

Secondly: The movement for the non-payment of land revenue and other legal dues;

Thirdly: The publication of news sheets in support of the civil disobedience movement;

Fourthly: Attempts to influence civil and military servants or village officials against the Government or to persuade them to resign their posts.

It is agreed that the discontinuance of the civil disobedience movement is the definite discontinuance of the employment of the boycott of British commodities as a political weapon, and if there is picketing it shall be not be aggressive.

Conduct of the Police.

Mr. Gandhi has drawn the attention of Government to specific allegations against the conduct of the Police and represented that desirability of a public inquiry into them. In the present circumstances the Government sees great difficulty in this course, and feels that it must inevitably lead to charges and counter-charges, and so militate against the re-establishment of peace. Having regard to these considerations Mr. Gandhi agreed not to press the matter.

Withdrawal of Ordinances.

The action that the Government will take on the discontinuance of the civil disobedience movement is stated in detail, and includes the withdrawal of Ordinances, etc., promulgated in connection with the movement. Pending prosecutions filed in connection with the movement and relating to offences not involving violence or incitement to violence will be withdrawn, and those prisoners will be released who are undergoing imprisonment in connection with the movement for an offence not involving violence or incitement to violence. Fines which have not been realised will be remitted. The additional Police imposed in connection with the movement at the expense of the inhabitants of a particular area will be withdrawn at the discretion of the local Government.

Subject to certain qualifications the Government undertakes to return movable and immovable property seized in connection with the movement under the Ordinances to the provisions of the criminal law.

Not to Commence Salt Breaches.

The Government is unable to

condone breaches of the existing law relating to the salt administration, nor is it able in the present financial conditions of the country to make substantial modifications in the salt Acts. For the sake, however, of giving relief to certain of the poorer classes it is prepared to extend its administrative provisions on the lines already prevailing in certain places in order to permit local residents in villages immediately adjoining the areas where salt can be collected or made to collect or make salt for domestic consumption or sale within such villages, but not for sale or trading with individuals living outside them.

In the event of the Congress failing to give full effect to the obligations of this settlement the Government will take such action as may in consequence become necessary.—British Wireless Service.

Commons' Congratulations.

A cablegram, signed by members of all Parties, has been sent to Lord Irwin from the House of Commons in the following terms:—

"We, members of the House of Commons, send our grateful thanks and heartiest congratulations to you on your magnificent and successful efforts to bring peace, prosperity, concord, and happiness to the peoples of India and Britain."—British Wireless Service.

Another Report.

New Delhi, Yesterday.

The text of the settlement between Lord Irwin and Mr. Gandhi was issued in the form of a statement by the Governor-General in Council.

It states, in addition to the summary previously cabled, that steps will be taken for the participation of representatives of the Congress in further discussions on the scheme of constitutional reform.

It explains that the boycott on foreign goods had been directed chiefly against British goods to exert pressure for political ends. It is, therefore, agreed that the discontinuance of civil disobedience connotes the definite discontinuance of the boycott on British commodities as a political weapon.

As regards the methods employed in furtherance of the replacement of non-Indian by Indian goods or against the consumption of intoxicating liquors and drugs, resort shall not be had to picketing methods except within the limits permitted by the ordinary law. If picketing anywhere becomes aggressive it shall be suspended.

Mr. Gandhi urged a public enquiry into the conduct of the Police but agreed not to press the matter when the difficulties in this connection militating against the re-establishment of peace were pointed out to him.

Return of Property.

Property which had been seized under the Ordinances shall be returned unless the defendant can satisfactorily refuse to pay land revenue and other dues.

Where immovable property is

LORD ARNOLD QUILTS OFFICE.

Enough Labour in the Lords.
NOT TO SECEDE.

Rugby, Yesterday.

Owing to ill-health Lord Arnold has resigned the office of Paymaster-General. This office, which is unpaid, is not of Cabinet rank.—British Wireless Service.

Not a Secession.

London, Yesterday.

Lord Arnold, in a letter to Mr. Ramsay MacDonald, states that he has resigned on the ground of health. He says that he accepted the position when the Government was formed in order to help with speaking in the House of Lords. But the Government bench in the House of Lords is now sufficiently staffed without him.

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SCHOOL RAISING AGE.

Policy of New Education Minister.

BILL MUST PASS.

Rugby, Yesterday.

Mr. Lees-Smith, Mr. Trevelyan's successor at the Board of Education, has stated that it is the intention of the Government to re-introduce the Bill for raising the school leaving age in order that it may be passed into law under the Government Act.

This Act provides that a Bill receiving the assent of the House of Commons in three successive sessions in two years becomes law without the assent of the House of Lords.—British Wireless Service.

RAILWAYMEN'S PAY REDUCED.

Decision of National Wages Board.

LESS OVERTIME RATES.

London, Yesterday.

Railway operating costs will be substantially reduced if the recommendations of the National Wages Board, which has been considering the Companies' claim for reduction of pay, are adopted.

The Board unanimously advises a cut of 23 per cent. on all railwaymen's wages and a similar additional reduction in respect of all earnings over £2 weekly, but deductions will be limited to 8/- weekly.

Provision is made for safeguarding lower-paid men's wages.

The clerical staff earnings are also subjected to similar reductions, with small modifications in respect of earnings.

The reduction of the overtime rate is recommended, also the application of the spread-over to twelve hours, daily, except in the most responsible grades.

The foregoing are less than the Companies' demands.

Eight out of 17 members of the Board signed an addendum urging public ownership of all transport.

There is every indication that the findings as regards reductions of pay will be accepted by all concerned.—Reuter.

sold to third parties the transaction must be regarded as final so far as the Government is concerned, but any person may seek a legal remedy.

Where posts vacated by resignations have been permanently filled the Government will not be able to reinstate the late incumbents. In other cases resignations will be considered by the local Government. In a liberal spirit.

The statement concludes that in the event of Congress failing to give full effect to the obligations of the settlement the Government will take such action as may in consequence become necessary to protect the public and to maintain law and order.—Reuter.

HIGH COMMISSIONER IN SCOTLAND.

Labour Member Again Appointed.

THIRD TIME HONOURED.

Rugby, Yesterday.

His Majesty the King has appointed Mr. James Brown, M.P., to be appointed Lord High Commissioner to the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland.



Hon. J. Brown.

Mr. Brown, who was a working miner till he entered Parliament and is a lifelong Churchman, held the same office under the first Labour Government and again last year.—British Wireless Service.

CLEARER WEATHER.

The Royal Observatory's weather report to-day states: The anticyclone is central near Tokyo.

A depression covers S.W. China and N. in China.

Forecast:—E. or variable winds, moderate; generally overcast; some light rain and fog, possibly clearing temporarily.

Rainfall.

Rainfall for 24 hours ended at 10 a.m. to-day—ail.

Rainfall since January 1—0.96 inch against an average of 3.47 inches—deficit 2.51 inches.

Temperature.

The temperature at certain specified centres this morning at 6 o'clock was:—

Hong Kong	60
Macao	68
Pratas Island	74
Manila	72
Ponchoo	54
Amoy	60
Chefoo	58
Shanghai	46

HU HAN-MIN ILL.

SUFFERING FROM NERVOUS BREAKDOWN.

Nanking, Yesterday.

The official Central News says that General Hu Han-min, who is still in Tangshan, is in a serious condition. He twice lost consciousness and medical aid was summoned from Nanking.

Other reports state that Hu Han-min is suffering from a nervous breakdown and his doctors advise his return to Nanking.—Reuter.

CHEMICALS CO.

REDUCTION OF ORDINARY DIVIDEND.

London, Yesterday.

The net profits for 1930 of the huge Imperial Chemical Industries Company were £4,473,000 which is £1,507,000 below those of 1929. The ordinary share dividend will be eight per cent. instead of six and there will be no distribution on deferred shares.—Reuter.

AMERICAN OIL.

NEW SYSTEM OF ARRANGING IMPORTS.

Washington, Yesterday.

President Hoover has notified the Governors of the great oil-producing States that the Secretary of Commerce is negotiating with American oil importers to arrange for the importation of American oil-producing interests.—Reuter's American Service.

NEW OFFENSIVE ON PROHIBITION.

First Gun Fired by Democrats.

VITAL ISSUES INVOLVED.

Washington, Yesterday.

The first gun in the new political offensive which may end Prohibition was fired to-day at a meeting of the Democratic National Committee by the "big business man," Mr. John Raskob, who has resigned from the Chairmanship of the Finance Committee of the General Motors Corporation in order to devote himself to politics, especially the Prohibition issue.

Mr. Raskob advocated Party support for an amendment of the Constitution providing for State option on the liquor question.

The issue may go beyond a fight between the Wets and the Drys and may even hopelessly split the Democratic Party and ruin its chances for next year's Presidential election, for there is a considerable division within the Party on the prohibition issue.

The South, while being a Democratic stronghold, is also the stronghold of dry fanaticism, while the Democratic element in the rest of the United States is decidedly against Prohibition.—Reuter's American Service.

PRINCES IN BUENOS AIRES.

Welcomed by the British Ambassador.

CITY DAILY BEFLAGGED.

Buenos Aires, Yesterday.

H.R.H. the Prince of Wales and H.R.H. the Princess George arrived by air from Mar del Plata (a maritime village and fashionable watering place, 230 miles south of Buenos Aires).

The Princes' plane, escorted by 25 Argentine army planes, landed from the Palermo aerodrome. They were welcomed by the British Ambassador, Sir Ronald Macleay, and Colonel Zulogna, chief of the Argentine Army Air Service, amid the cheers of a crowd of a thousand.

The Princes left for Buenos Aires by special train, the city being gaily beflagged in their honour.—Reuter's American Service.

MUSSOLINI ON NAVAL AGREEMENT

Beneficent Effect on World.

SATISFACTION EXPRESSED.

Rugby, Yesterday.

The Prime Minister has received from Signor Mussolini a telegram expressing satisfaction at the conclusion of the Naval Agreement and emphasising that its benefits will have an influence not only on relations between the signatories, but on the political and economic situation of the world.

Signor Mussolini adds that the agreement constitutes the best preparation for the general conference on disarmament.—British Wireless Service.

U.S. FINANCE.

DEFICIT OF 500 MILLION DOLLARS.

Washington, Yesterday.

A Treasury deficit of \$500,000,000 (gold) at the end of the Federal fiscal year in June is predicted by Mr. Smoot, Chairman of the Senate Finance Committee.—Reuter's American Service.

DANGER TO NAVIGATION.

On arrival in port yesterday, the master of the J.C.I.L. s.s. Tilpanas reported at the Harbour Office that whilst on the voyage from Sandakan, the vessel passed a wrecked junk about 30 feet long in lat. 22° 08' N., Long. 114° 20' E. at about 4.15 a.m.

The Harbour Master has posted up a notice in warning stating that the wreck is a danger to navigation.

MR. ALFRED DUFF COOPER.

Official Tory Candidate for St. George's.

TO OPPOSE INDEPENDENT.

London, Yesterday.

Mr. Alfred Duff Cooper has been adopted as official Conservative candidate for St. George's, Westminster.—Reuter.

[Mr. Duff Cooper was Conservative M.P. for Oldham from 1924 to 1929 and Financial Secretary, War Office, in 1928-9. On Saturday a London cablegram stated:—A direct challenge to the continuance of Mr. Stanley Baldwin's leadership of the Conservative Party is likely to form an outstanding feature of the Parliamentary by-election at St. George's, Westminster, caused by the death of Sir Laming Worthington Evans. The potential Conservative candidate was Lt.-Colonel J. T. Moore Brabazon, who to-day intimated his withdrawal from the candidature, in view of the fact that an independent Conservative (Sir Ernest Pether) has appeared who openly questions the wisdom of Mr. Baldwin's leadership, regarding which Lieut.-Col. Moore Brabazon says that he himself has expressed misgivings.]

CAR CONTROL.

SLIGHT COLLISION WITH MOTOR CYCLE.

TRAFFIC REGULATIONS.

Mr. W. Schofield, at the Central Magistracy this morning, heard a case in which Lo Wing-san, the driver of a public vehicle, was summoned for having failed to drive on the left side of Chater Road on February 19 at 10.45 a.m.

Mr. Horace Lo appeared for the defendant.

Traffic Sergeant Peter Guild stated that he was driving a motor cycle combination in Ice House Street toward Chater Road, and on nearing the corner he sounded his horn. On turning into Chater Road, opposite the park-stand, he saw defendant's car coming along. There was a slight collision, the sidecar of his cycle striking the rear right mudguard of the car. There were other motor cars in the park-stand at the time.

Driver's Right.

Cross-examined by Mr. Lo, Sergeant Guild agreed with him that if a car was travelling on the left side of a road, and the passenger wanted to alight on the right side, the driver had every right to go over to the right hand side of the road, unload his passenger, and then serve over to the left side again.

Replying to further questions put by Mr. Lo, the Sergeant said that a driver had the same control over his car in going forward as in backing provided he drove slowly when backing.

Witness agreed with Mr. Lo, that it was undesirable to back a car for a long distance in traffic.

What Left-Hand Side Means.

Mr. Lo submitted that defendant was guilty of no offence, and that he would quote authorities to substantiate his statements in regard to the backing of vehicles.

The left hand side of a road only meant that a car passing another car had to be on that side. He believed that there was a rule in the United Kingdom which forbade the backing of motor cars unnecessarily. He went on to say that Mr. T. H. C. Brayfield was in defendant's car at the time.

His Worship adjourned the hearing to Friday (March 13) at noon.

Admitting that he drove his motor cycle along Morrison Gap Road on the night of February 20, without a lighted rear lamp, Mr. J. Barnett of the Tyam Tuk Pumping Station was fined £5. Traffic Sergeant B. G. Baker stated that there was no bulb in the lamp when he stopped defendant.

"You will have to be more careful at the corners in Stubbs Road even if you have an urgent case—if you drive like that you will be having more urgent cases" remarked Mr. Schofield in fining the Chin-ese driver of a Tung Wah Hospital ambulance \$20 for, over-taking another car on a corner at Stubbs Road on February 20.

Traffic Sergeant McIntosh explained that defendant in overtaking the front vehicle, Mr. P. Tester (who was driving downhill) had to stop so as to avoid a smash.

FATE OF THE KINZAN MARU.

Given Up as Total Loss?

REPORT TO HARBOUR OFFICE.

In a report to the Harbour Office on arrival in port at 5 p.m. yesterday, Captain Pringle, master of the China Navigation Company's s.s. Tean, from Shanghai via Amoy, stated that a Japanese steamer (name not given) is ashore at the north end of Ock-sou Island.

This is probably the s.s. Kinzan Maru of the Nishin Kisan Kaisha, of which the N.Y.K. are the local agents, which went aground on Ock-sou Island on February 2. It is understood that that all attempts which were made since the stranding to get this ship off had proved unsuccessful and she has been practically given up as a total loss, being fast on the rocks round the island.

Scene of the Stranding.

Ock-sou Island is a few miles outside of Amoy and the Kinzan Maru grounded when she encountered a thick fog when making for Amoy at 9 a.m., on February 2. At the time of the stranding she was on the way down from Tientsin, her normal trip being between that Northern port and Hong Kong and Canton via Amoy.

At the time of the stranding her port bow was stated to have been damaged, and was leaking in one of the hatches, believed locally to be the No. 1.

The local agents then assured a China Mail representative that the ship was quite safe and not seriously damaged and it was merely a question of waiting for a favourable tide to take her off.

No Wireless on Board.

The news of the stranding of the Kinzan Maru reached Hong Kong by cable from the Shanghai Office of the N.Y.K., as the ship was not equipped with wireless, and it was surmised that her plight was conveyed to Amoy by passing ships and the news was cabled to Shanghai from that port.

The Kinzan Maru is a cargo boat and has no accommodation for passengers. A steel screw steamer of 1,704 (999 net) tonnage, she was built in 1918 by the Mitsubishi Zosen, Kobe, where she was registered.

Her dimensions are:—Length, 250 ft.; beam, 37.7 ft.; and depth, 20.5 ft.

SKATES STOLEN.

CANE FOR A BUILDING CONTRACTOR'S SON.

Further evidence was taken at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning when Won Hong, a Chinese youth, appeared for the second time on a charge of the larceny of a pair of roller skates, the property of the son of Dr. H. F. Sommers, of the Peninsula Hotel, on Monday last.

Dr. Sommers, who was watching through glasses from his room in the Peninsula Hotel, saw a man whom he recognised as accused stoop down and bring a pair of roller skates from underneath some machinery and take them to a hut in the Y.M.C.A. compound. He went down and called the man, who emphatically denied having the skates. He reported the matter and a detective was sent to make enquiries. After some discussion the skates were produced from the roof of the shed.

Mr. Hamilton said that he thought there were others concerned in the case, but it was untimely that accused had removed the skates from the yard into the hut.

The accused, who is the son of the contractor engaged in the building operations at the Y.M.C.A., is 17 years of age.

Twelve strokes of the cane was ordered to be given.

JUNK CREW DROWNED.

At 8 a.m. yesterday, whilst sailing his fishing junk off Tau Kong San, Chinese territory, Kwok Fat-sin was attracted by some person waving his arms. On investigating he found a waterlogged Hoklo fishing junk. On board were five dead men.

The sole survivor, Li Hung-lo, said that the junk had foundered during a spell of bad weather.

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S. LACK,
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Hong Kong, 5th March, 1931.

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OF DENMARK.**

The following unclaimed telegram is lying at the office of the Great Northern Telegraph Company (Limited) of Denmark:—
Vendor, from Shanghai.
F. V. JENSEN,
Superintendent.
Hong Kong, March 4, 1931.

GOVERNMENT NOTICES

G. R.
PUBLIC AUCTION.

PARTICULARS & CONDITIONS
of the Sale by Public Auction to be held on MONDAY, the 9th day of March, 1931, at 3 p.m., at the Office of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor, of one Lot of Crown Land at Mount Cameron, in the Colony of Hong Kong for a term of 75 years, with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the King, for one further term of 75 years.

PARTICULARS OF THE LOT.

No. of Sale	Boundary Measurements	Contents in Sq. Feet	Annual Rent	Upset Price
Lot No.	Locality	N. S. E. W.	ft. ft. ft. ft.	\$
1	Mount Cameron.			
As per sale plan.			17,900	102

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PARTICULARS OF THE LOT.

No. of Sale	Boundary Measurements	Contents in Sq. Feet	Annual Rent	Upset Price
Lot No.	Locality	N. S. E. W.	ft. ft. ft. ft.	\$
1	New Aberdeen Island, between Island and Kwai Street.			
As per sale plan.			9,527	170

G. R.
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of the Sale by Public Auction to be held on MONDAY, the 9th day of March, 1931, at 3 p.m., at the Office of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor, of one Lot of Crown Land at Wong Nei Chung, in the Colony of Hong Kong for a term of 75 years, with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the King, for one further term of 75 years.

PARTICULARS OF THE LOT.

No. of Sale	Boundary Measurements	Contents in Sq. Feet	Annual Rent	Upset Price
Lot No.	Locality	N. S. E. W.	ft. ft. ft. ft.	\$
1	Island Mt. between Island and Kwai Street.			
As per sale plan.			2,550	50

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SPORT NOTICES

**THE HONG KONG JOCKEY
CLUB.**

**ANNUAL RACE MEETING
1931.**
February 28, March 2, 3, 4,
and 7, 1931.

ON SATURDAY, February 28, the first race will be run at 1.30 p.m., and on all other days at 1.30 a.m. On the first day of the first bell will be rung at 1 p.m. and on the other four days at 11 a.m.

MEMBERS' BADGES & ENCLOSURE.

Members are reminded that they and their ladies must wear their badges prominently displayed. No one without a badge will be admitted to the Members' Enclosure.

Badges admitting non-members to the Members' Enclosure and Club Rooms at \$10 per day including tax—or \$40 including tax for the Meeting (Ladies \$5 and \$20, respectively), are obtainable through the Secretary upon introduction by a Member, such Member to be responsible for all chits, &c.

Badges admitting to Members' Enclosure will NOT be on sale at the Race Club.

No on pretext will children be permitted in either enclosure during the first four days of the Meeting.

PUBLIC ENCLOSURE.

The price of admission to the Public Enclosure is \$4 per day including tax for all persons, including ladies, and is payable at the Gate.

Soldiers and Sailors in uniform are admitted to the Public Enclosure at \$1 per day, including tax. Bookmakers, Tie Tac men, &c., will not be permitted to operate within the precincts of the Hong Kong Jockey Club during the Race Meeting.

SERVANTS' PASSES.

Passes for Servants will be issued on application to Messrs. Linstead & Davis, Alexandra Buildings.

Employers are requested to distribute them with discrimination and to endorse their names on the passes.

Servants are not permitted in the Members' Enclosure except for passing through on their duties, but must remain in their employers' stands.

Any persons found loitering with Servants' Passes in their possession will forfeit the same and will be removed from the enclosure.

By Order,

C. B. BROWN,
Secretary.

Hong Kong, February 11, 1931.

**THE HONG KONG JOCKEY
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**ANNUAL RACE MEETING,
1931.**

THE Tiffin Interval on the Last Four Days will be taken after the Fifth Race on Each Day.

By Order,

C. B. BROWN,
Secretary.

Hong Kong, February 25, 1931.

COMPANY MEETINGS

**THE HONG KONG ELECTRIC
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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the FORTY-SECOND ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING will be held at the Company's Offices, P. & O. Building, on WEDNESDAY, 18th March, 1931, at 11 a.m. for the purpose of presenting the Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts to 31st December, 1930, and electing Directors and Auditors.

The REGISTER OF MEMBERS of the Company will be CLOSED from 8th March, 1931, to 18th March, 1931, both days inclusive, during which period no Transfer of Shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

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Hong Kong, 19th Feb., 1931.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the 42nd ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING of Shareholders will be held at the Office of the Company, Exchange Building, Des Voeux Road Central, Victoria, Hong Kong, on WEDNESDAY, the 18th day of March, 1931, at 11.30 a.m., for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts and the Report of the Directors for the year ended 31st December, 1930.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from WEDNESDAY, 4th March, 1931, to WEDNESDAY, 18th March, 1931, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

ALLAN KEITH,
Secretary.

Hong Kong, 19th February, 1931.

**THE DAIRY FARM ICE & COLD
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NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the THIRTY-FIFTH ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of the Shareholders in the Company will be held at the Company's Town Office, 2, Lower Albert Road, on WEDNESDAY, the 18th March, 1931, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with Statement of Accounts, declaring a Dividend and re-electing Directors and Auditors.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 7th to the 18th March, 1931, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

J. D. THOMSON,
Acting Secretary.

Hong Kong, 27th Feb., 1931.

**THE DAIRY FARM ICE & COLD
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NOTICE RE TRANSFER
OF SHARES.

SHAREHOLDERS are requested to note that no "New Issue" shares will be transferred until after the Transfer Books have been re-opened on the 19th March, 1931.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

J. D. THOMSON,
Acting Secretary.

Hong Kong, 27th Feb., 1931.

COMPANY MEETINGS

**HONG KONG TELEPHONE
CO., LTD.**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the SIXTH ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of the HONG KONG TELEPHONE COMPANY, LIMITED, will be held on WEDNESDAY, the 11th day of MARCH, 1931, at the BOARD ROOM of the Company, Second Floor, Exchange Building, Hong Kong, at 11.30 a.m. for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts and the Report of the Board of Directors, for the Financial Year ended 31st December, 1930, and re-electing Two Directors and the Auditors.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 4th to the 11th MARCH, 1931, both days inclusive.

Dated this 11th day of February, 1931.

By Order of the Board,

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Secretary.

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NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE FORTY-FOURTH ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the Office of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., on THURSDAY, the 19th March, 1931, at NOON, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors and the Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1930.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from TUESDAY, the 10th March, 1931, to THURSDAY, the 19th March, 1931, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

F. H. CRAPPELL,
Secretary.

Hong Kong, 2nd March, 1931.

**THE HONG KONG FIRE
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NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE SIXTY-SECOND ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of Shareholders will be held at the Offices of the Undersigned on THURSDAY, the 26th March, 1931, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Managers, together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ended the 31st December, 1930.

The SHARE REGISTER and TRANSFER BOOKS will be CLOSED from the 12th to the 26th March, 1931, both days inclusive.

JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., LTD.,
General Managers.

The Hong Kong Fire Insurance Co., Ltd.
Hong Kong, 5th March, 1931.

**HONG KONG & SHANGHAI
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GENERAL NOTICES

THE FINAL DIVIDEND declared for the Year ending 31st December, 1930, at the rate of Three Pounds Sterling together with a Bonus of One Pound Sterling at exchange 1/1½ is payable on and after the 2nd MARCH, 1931, at the Offices of the Corporation, where shareholders are requested to apply for Warrants.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

V. M. GRAYBURN,
Chief Manager.

Hong Kong, 28th Feb., 1931.

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MODERN ALBANIA.**STORY OF ITS
DEVELOPMENT.**

[By Raouf Fikro, Albanian Foreign Minister.]

Until a few years ago Albania was considered to be the classic country of revolutions. For centuries our nation was subjected to alien rule and owing to the indelible thirst for liberty inherent in our race it was only natural that Albanians again took to arms in order to shake off the foreign yoke. It is true that the Reunion of Ambassadors in 1912 confirmed our liberty, gained at the cost of so many sacrifices, but the road towards a really and independent Albania was still a long and weary one. When the Great War ended, Albania was left in ruins. As the aftermath of war severe domestic struggles continued to rend the country and it was only under the regime of King Zogu that the great work of reconstruction was begun in which Albania also is included.

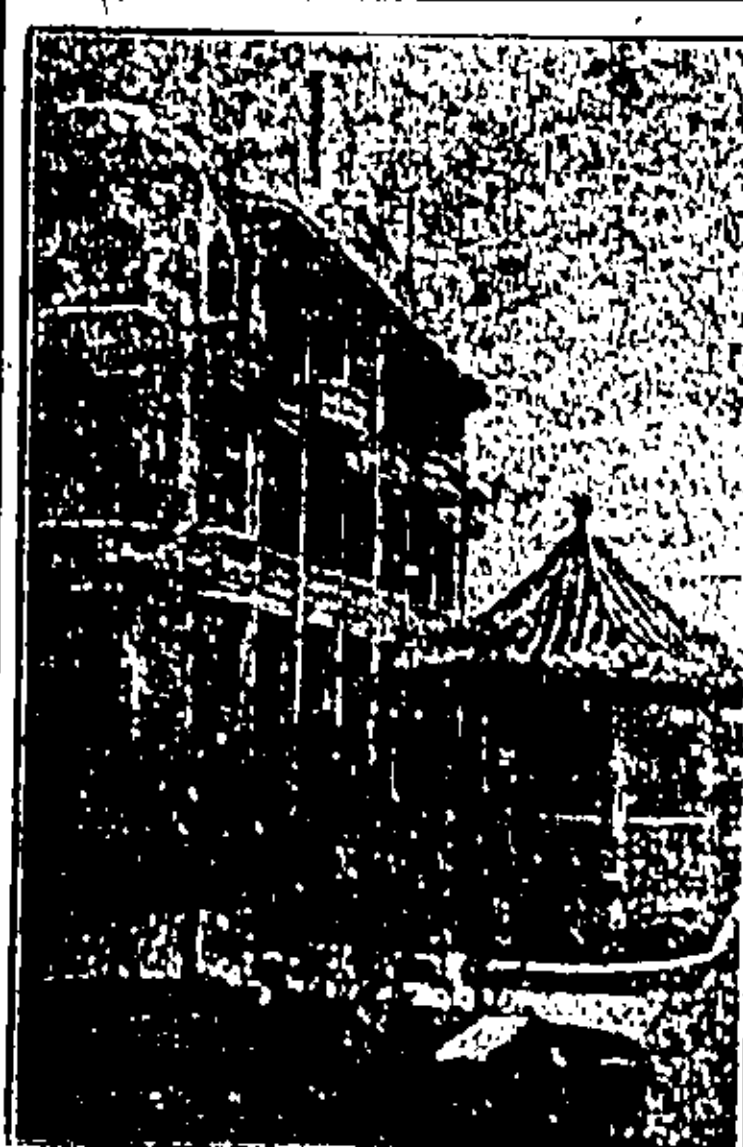
To begin with, the situation of Albania was a hopeless one in all domains. The new state had to be reconstructed from the foundations and the most urgent necessity was that of giving the country laws. Hitherto, in the cities, oriental tenets had prevailed, while in the mountains the traditions of medieval "vendetta" still held their sway. Now a great work of modern legislation has been achieved. Albania has given herself new fundamental laws on the model of Europe. An unbiased modern administration was organized throughout the country and, hand in hand with this reform of public and private legislation, a reform of education was also introduced. To-day Albania has over 600 schools, elementary and secondary schools, teachers' colleges, agricultural and technical training schools. We lay more weight on trade and technical training than on classic schooling without, however, neglecting the latter. Several hundred students are studying at foreign universities at the expense of the Government.

Well Organised Army. Albania to-day possesses a well organized and equipped army. We recruit soldiers from among the sons of our peasantry and mountain inhabitants, we teach them to read and to write and give them social and hygienic training, so that they return to their villages like pupils who have absorbed the elementary schools. Our gendarmes, organized by a prominent English expert, General Percy, represents a tried organ of public order. Foreign writers who have travelled in Albania confirm that order prevails everywhere and that strangers, all over Albania, meet with our traditional hospitality.

The tasks which the reconstruction of economic life demands are very great. It may be most interesting to create a modern state from nothing, but it is long and weary work to do so with limited means and at the moment of a world crisis. The greatest success of the present regime was the obtaining of the loan of 50 million gold francs for the carrying out of public work. By means of it a network of roads was built, ports and other public buildings constructed. This work has given the country a new aspect. Automobiles—a few years ago still a much gaped—at rarity—are to-day the general means of conveyance in Albania and a dense aviation net connects the cities of the country together.

The Chief Problem. But the chief problem of Albania is the agricultural question. With its solution the existence of our state is closely allied. Inspired by our King and with the assistance of domestic and foreign experts the Albanian parliament has established a law on agricultural reform. Its aim is to give land to those peasants who possess none and to raise agricultural production in every possible way. The Government has had great stretches of waste land cultivated; improvements and the extension of the cultivation of tobacco were introduced. Albania still possesses many tracts of primeval soil and, according to the statements of foreign experts, the country should be able, if rationally exploited, to yield sufficient breadstuffs and meat to feed thrice its population. Negotiations are pending which aim at the drainage and artificial irrigation of this immense area with the help of foreign capital and it is hoped thus to improve agriculture vastly. In ten years' time Albania may become a grain reservoir for neighbouring Italy. The Government has also supported the establishment of important industries. In connection with agricultural plans the creation of sugar industry in Albania is being considered.

Social Aspect Changed. Owing to this transformation of the intellectual and economic life the social aspect of the country, especially in the cities, has changed. Notable beginnings of a national art are manifesting themselves; a number of newspapers treat of questions of public interest; Albanian literature is increasing its production. Political conditions have been greatly consolidated and many political emigrants have returned to Albania and take part in her reconstruction. As concerns the foreign policy of Albania, we would note that we are allies, and faithful allies, of Italy. The past four years prove clearly that this alliance aims at our safety and at peace. As we have devoted ourselves entirely to domestic problems we require these elements more than any other state of Europe. But our alliance with Italy does not prevent us from maintaining friendly relations with our other neighbours. Our relations with Yugoslavia are absolutely correct.—The Press Service.



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HAKONE MARU	Saturday	7th March.
SUWA MARU	Saturday	21st March.
SYDNEY & MELBOURNE via Manila & Ports.		
ATSUTA MARU	Thursday	26th March.
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KAGA MARU	Wednesday	11th March.
GENOA MARU	Friday	27th March.
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SOUTH AMERICA (East Coast) via Singapore, Cape Town & Ports.		
KANAGAWA MARU	Tuesday	14th April.
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TAKETOYO MARU	Thursday	12th March.
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MELBOURNE via Manila, Brisbane & Sydney.	Canada Maru	Wed.	1st Apr.
CALCUTTA via Singapore & Rangoon.	Sydney Maru	Fri.	6th Mar.
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"TRADE WIND."

WRECKAGE OF PLANE SIGHTED 275 MILES FROM AZORES?

Washington, Feb. 2. The United States naval communications service here today received radio messages from the steamship Youngtown which indicate that the wreckage of the trans-Atlantic airplane Trade Wind has been found.

The master of the steamer Youngtown reported by radio that, 275 miles west of the Azores Islands, he sighted the wreckage of an aeroplane.

It is believed here that the

derelict plane is the Trade Wind in which Mrs. Beryl Hart, the "flying widow" of New York, and Captain William McLaren, United States naval air corps reserve officer, lost their lives last month while attempting a flight from New York to Hamilton in the Bermudas. Then they took off for Paris by way of Horta in the Azores Islands.

No word was received from them after they departed from Hamilton and it was concluded that they had been forced down at sea. Some time ago all hope that they would ever be found alive was abandoned.

Several reports that natives of the Azores had seen the Trade Wind fall into the sea could not be confirmed.

BIG BUNKER COAL SHIPMENT.

The largest consignment of bunker coal from the Tyne since the Mauretania sailed on her maiden trip in the Summer of 1907 has been shipped by the Hororata, of 11,400 tons deadweight, owned by the New Zealand Shipping Co. which is now on passage to Port Pirie, Australia. The Hororata has on board 7,546 tons of coal shipped at the Tyne Coalfields' Whitehill Point Staiths which will be converted into pulverised fuel by plant on board as required. The Mauretania's bunkers amounted to about 8,000 tons of local coal.

ARRIVALS OF SHIPS.

Wednesday, March 4.	
Clara Jensen, Danish str., 1,145 tons, Capt. J. Davidson, from Hoihow, buoy No. B19.—Chau Seng Hong.	
Tacoma Maru, Japanese str., 3,642 tons, Capt. H. Kanegae, from Sakito, Kowloon Wharf.—O.S.K.	
Wing Wo, Portuguese str., 495 tons, Capt. I. D. de Lemos, from K. C. Wan, Yumati, Anchorage.—Ho Hop & Co.	
Thursday, March 5.	
Benavon, British str., 3,725 tons, Capt. J. J. Fairweather, from Singapore, Kowloon Wharf.—Gibb, Livingston & Co.	
Chipping, British str., 1,199 tons, Capt. D. S. Pethick, from Canton, buoy No. B2.—J. M. & Co.	
Dorry, Chinese str., 878 tons, Capt. J. Bruhn, from Swatow, West Point Anchorage.—Chau Yue Teng.	
Foehing, British str., 1,423 tons, Capt. S. O. Mitford, from Canton, buoy No. B1.—J. M. & Co.	
Foo Lee, Chinese str., 359 tons, Capt. S. Kita, from Canton, Stonecutters Anchorage.—Shun Tai Hong.	
Hawaii Maru, Japanese str., 5,902 tons, Capt. T. Norita, from Sakito, buoy No. A5.—O.S.K.	
Hector, British str., 6,841 tons, Capt. A. Ogden, from Singapore, Holt's Wharf.—B. & S.	
Hong Hwa, British str., 1,924 tons, Capt. Gregory, from Singapore, buoy No. A18.—Ho Thong & Co.	
Ningpo, British str., 1,226 tons, Capt. J. R. Nisbet, from Canton, buoy No. B20.—B. & S.	
Pronto, Norwegian str., 1,283 tons, Capt. B. J. Moller, from Singapore, buoy No. C5.—K. Larsen & Co.	
Sydney Maru, Japanese str., 8,297 tons, Capt. S. Nomura, from Moji, Kowloon Wharf.—O.S.K.	
Tillwong, Dutch str., 8,561 tons, Capt. Berkhout, from Sandakan, buoy No. A10.—J.C.J.L.	

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MOTOR TANKER FOR NORWEGIAN OWNERS.

Proposing the toast after the launch of the motor tanker Ashmore from Sir W. G. Armstrong, Whitworth and Co.'s Tyne Iron Yard, on February 8, Mr. James Stewart, manager of Sir Armstrong Whitworth's shipyards, said the vessel was the last of a series of ten more or less sister ships for which they secured orders last year. He regretted to say that she was the last vessel on the stocks at the Armstrong Whitworth shipyards. This time last year there was a modest boom in freights, and when shipbuilders could see there was no profit in doing so, they were only too willing to build ships. Freights were now bad, however, and owners did not want new tonnage, so the berths of the poor shipbuilders were empty. They could only hope that the worldwide depression would pass away. If anyone deserved success, it was their enterprising shipowning friends in Norway. Last year Messrs. Armstrong Whitworth turned out 125,000 tons deadweight of tankers, which was the third highest total of any firm in the United Kingdom. They could not hope for anything like that this year, but they did not despair, and all their energies were being devoted to trying to get new orders. Mr. Stewart presented a silver salver to Mrs. Jacobsen, who launched the vessel. Mr. Math Jacobsen, replying for the owners, said times were so bad that owners could not place orders, but it was a pity that vessels were not being built in such fine yards as those of Messrs. Armstrong Whitworth, where owners always obtained full value for their money.

Colonel C. F. Hitchin, responding, said they regarded that as a sad occasion, but they were not downhearted, and he was glad to think their last ship was for their Norwegian friends, who had ordered ships last year in a most liberal way. They built eleven tankers for Norway last year. He claimed that his firm was building the best diesel engine in the world.

NEW DOLLAR LINER.

Pres. Coolidge Launched at Newport News.

MANY SPECIAL FEATURES.

Casting aside rumours of depression, the Dollar Steamship Lines, pioneers in the fortnightly round-the-world service launched their second mammoth liner on February 21, at Newport News, Va., the ship to be known as the s.s. President Coolidge.

When the s.s. President Coolidge slid down the ways of the Newport News Shipbuilding & Drydock Co., the Dollar Line launched the second of the two largest merchant marine vessels ever built in American yards, the first being the s.s. President Hoover, launched on December 9. Both vessels, 8,000-ton turbo-electric liners, are 653 feet in length, with a beam of 31 feet, a displacement tonnage of 33,800 tons, a passenger capacity of 1260, and with a sea speed of 21 knots.

Special features of the s.s. President Coolidge are elevators, swimming pools, a sand beach, gymnasium, children's playroom, soda fountain, verandah cafe, smoking rooms, library, private dining rooms, ten rooms, music and dance salons, talking picture theatre, shopping lobby, broadcast system, stock exchange rooms, writing rooms, beauty parlours, automobile garage, telephones in every room, suites de Luxe, Sperry gyro devices, sonic depth finders, radio direction finders, and automatic radio-equipped lifeboats. The latter feature is an invention of a San Francisco radio engineer, Ralph Heintz, and the new Dollar liners are the first ships to be equipped with these radio-equipped lifeboats that will permit a passenger, totally unfamiliar with a radio set, to send out S.O.S. calls by merely throwing a switch.

The s.s. President Coolidge will sail from New York westward on October 15 in a trans-Pacific service with her sister ship, the s.s. President Hoover, which sails from New York on July 23.

AMERICAN SHIPPING

DEVELOPING SERVICES TO MEDITERRANEAN.

The American Export Line, which celebrates its sixth anniversary at the end of March, is looking forward to greatly improved business during the coming year, according to Mr. Henry Herbermann, president of the Line. This expectation, he explains, is based in part on the new contract negotiated with the Russian Am-Deurtra Transport Corporation, and partly on the opening of the new passenger service of the line to Egypt.

"A slight increase in freight bookings is in evidence on the regular steamers of our line to the Mediterranean," Mr. Herbermann told the New York Journal of Commerce, "and in addition to the 96 sailings scheduled annually, the corporation has entered into a three-year contract with Am-Deurtra Transport Corporation for the transportation of American exports to Soviet Russia in American vessels during the next three years."

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Building for Future.

An optimistic view of the prospects for American shipping in 1931 is also voiced by J. Barstow Smull, president of the Chamber of Commerce of the State of New York and vice-president of the well-known shipping firm of J. H. Winchester & Co.

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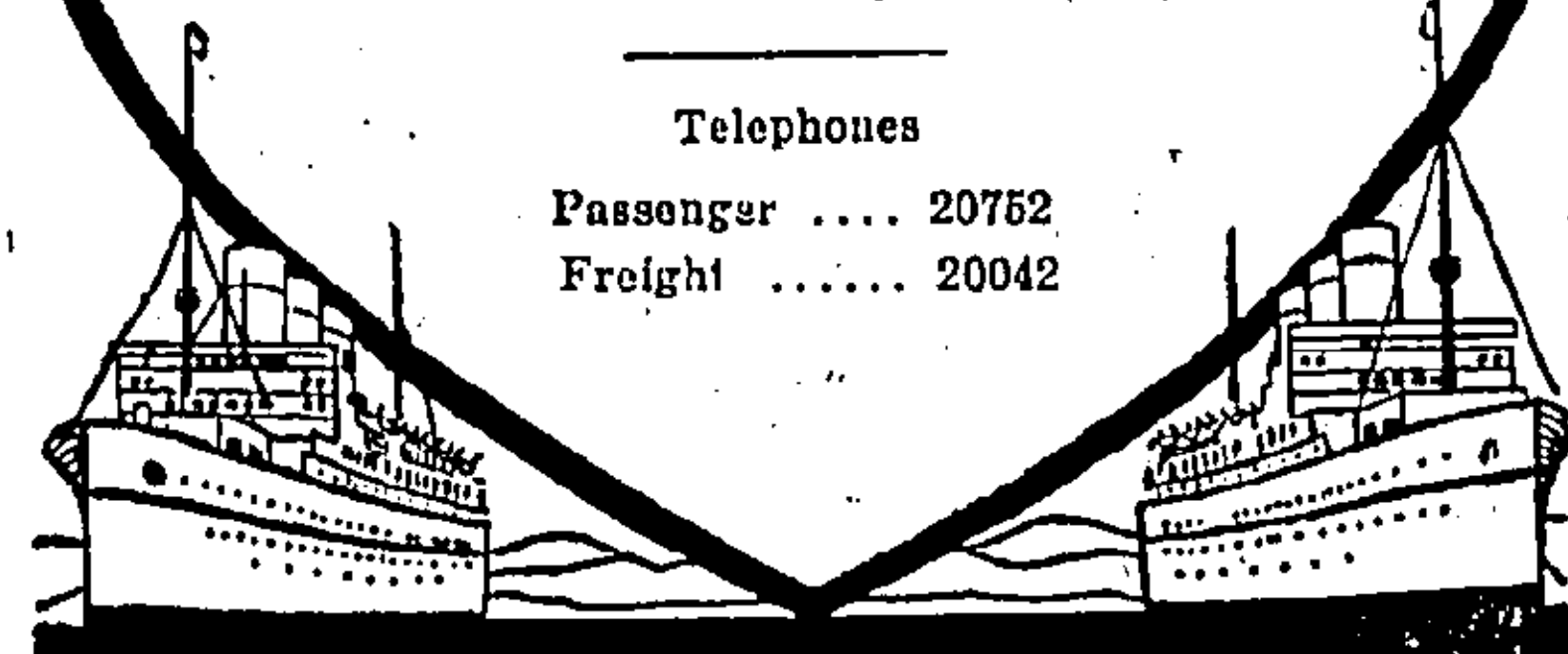
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Hong Kong, 4th March, 1931.

WARSHIPS IN PORT.

The following British warships were in harbour to-day:—

Bridgewater—In dock.

Bruce—No. 8 buoy.

Cumberland—West wall.

Citadel—East wall.

Hermes—No. 1 buoy.

Iroquois—South wall.

Kent—No. 6 buoy.

Marazion—No. 4 buoy.

Medway—No. 2 buoy.

Ostrich—In dock.

Oswald—In dock.

Petersfield—North wall.

Sandwich—No. 18 buoy.

Sepoy—No. 10 buoy.

Serapis—No. 11 buoy.

Sirdar—East wall.

Sterling—East wall.

Stormcloud—No. 11 buoy.

Suffolk—North arm.

Thracian—No. 12 buoy.

Foreign Men-of-War.

Argus—French gunboat.

Adamastor—Portuguese cruiser.

Gold Star—American gunboat.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

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CONSIGNEES of cargo are hereby informed that all Goods are being landed at their risk into the hazardous and/or extra hazardous Godowns of the Hong Kong & Kowloon Wharf & Godown Co., Ltd., whence and/or from the wharves delivery may be obtained.

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All claims against the steamer must be presented to the Underinsured on or before the 21st March, or they will not be recognised.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 8th March, at 10 a.m., by Messrs. Goddard & Douglas.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

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Hong Kong, 28th February, 1931.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

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The Steamship, "BENAVON"

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No claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 12th instant will be subject to rent.

All claims against the steamer must be presented to the Underinsured on or before the 26th instant, or they will not be recognised.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 11th instant at 10 a.m. by Messrs. Goddard & Douglas.

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WEDDING ANNOUNCEMENT.

Miss G. L. Rowbotham and Mr.
J. Barnes invite all friends to
their wedding in St. John's Cath-
edral, on Saturday, March 14, at
2.30 p.m.; and to the reception
afterward at Lane, Crawford's
Restaurant.

Hong Kong, Friday, March 6, 1931.

PEACE IN INDIA.

At last a settlement has been
made of the controversial ques-
tion of India. The terms of the
settlement between the Viceroy,
Lord Irwin, and the extremist,
Mr. Gandhi, are published in our
news columns to-day. These are
much more satisfactory than the
cabled summary yesterday led us
to believe. They are by no
means a triumph for Gandhi and
his followers, but a triumph for
the Viceroy and for the British
Raj. There have been no weak-
kneed concessions for the sake of
pandering to the Utopian ideals
of extremists and fanatics who
did not care if they reduced to
pulp the whole fabric of the ad-
ministration set up in India by
the British—an administration
that could not be moulded in a
thousand years by the rival fac-
tions and sects of the Indians
themselves.

It is true that the world to-day
is steadily pursuing a course to-
ward a Democracy that was
never dreamt of two or three de-
cades ago. The aspirations of the
masses for a voice in the con-
duct of State affairs must ever be
accorded a sympathetic hearing,
provided they are legitimate, rea-
sonable, sane, and honest. But
Indian political thought has been
almost crushed by the extremists

and fanatics, to the detriment of
the cause they have always pro-
fessed to have at heart—the up-
lift of India as a nation and as
an integral part of the British
Empire.

It was stated yesterday that
the Congress leaders had de-
clared that, in spite of the settle-
ment, the boycott of foreign
(which really means British)
goods would remain, but fortun-
ately this is not in conformity
with the official statement issued
by the Governor-General in Coun-
cil. The latter definitely declares
that the boycott shall not be used
as a political weapon. If Ameri-
can trade circles can hail the
settlement as a happy augury for
American trade, how much more
can British traders rejoice that at
length the ban on British goods
has been removed. This is by no
means the least of the happy re-
sults of the settlement.

On all other points the person-
ality and eloquence of the Viceroy
appear to have carried the day.
Gandhi even not pressing his de-
mand for an enquiry into the con-
duct of the Police (in the execu-
tion of their duty; he is remem-
bered) on it being pointed out
that this would be inimical to the
re-establishment of peace and
order. Nor are future breaches
of the salt laws to be condoned,
whilst, equally important, if the
Congress members infringe any
of the provisions of the settle-
ment the Government of India
shall not hesitate to take what
measures it seems necessary to
uphold law and order.

Thus, it must be concluded,
diplomacy and dignity have won
for the British Raj a glorious vic-
tory. It only remains for the ex-
tremists in India to resolve on
giving that co-operation that
should have come from them long
ago. Given a spirit of real
loyalty to the cause of India im-
mense benefits can accrue to the
nation through the settlement
just concluded. That settlement
shall receive the unmitigated bless-
ing of all real friends of both
Great Britain and of India!

News in Brief.

Mr. W. Hill returned to Shang-
hai yesterday.

The lowest open air temperature
yesterday was 58 degrees. The
humidity was 91 at 10 a.m. and 88
at 4 p.m.

Mr. and Mrs. D. F. Landale and
Mr. and Mrs. S. D. Landale sail
for Shanghai by the Empress of
Canada yesterday.

At the next meeting of the Rotary
Club on Tuesday Dr. E. P. Minatt
will give an address on "The
Water Supply of Hong Kong."

One Chinese case of typhoid
fever was notified yesterday.

From the Canadian Trade Com-
missioner we have received a copy
of "Canada 1931," an official hand-
book of present conditions and re-
cent progress.

Two offenders against the opium
Ordinances were brought before
Mr. Schofield at the Central Court
this morning, when fines totalling
\$10,000 were imposed.

Sir Ernest and Lady Thompson,
Mr. E. Duxbury, and other mem-
bers of the British Economic Mis-
sion sailed yesterday for Van-
couver by the Empress of Canada.

Messrs. A. S. Watson & Co., Ltd.,
advertise that the annual ordi-
nary meeting of the Company will
be held in the Hong Kong Hotel,
on Monday, March 16, at 11.30
a.m.

The funeral of Mr. J. M. V.
Ribeiro whose death from peritonitis
following an operation oc-
curred in the French Hospital at
4.30 a.m., yesterday, took place at
the Roman Catholic Cemetery,
Happy Valley, last evening. The
Rev. Fr. Page conducting the
burial service.

In the Kowloon Court to-day,
three months' imprisonment was
imposed on Choi Wood, an aged
Chinese, who walked into No. 258,
Reclamation Street at 7.30 a.m.
to-day and bolted with an incense
burner, the property of Cheung
Pak-tai. Accused admitted having
been banished in 1912.

The R.A.O.B. held an enjoyable
dance in the Garrison Lecture Hall,
Wellington Barracks last night,
a good crowd being present. The
Far East Orchestra was in attend-
ance and dancing was kept up until
a late hour. Mr. Clarke discharged
the duties of M. C. Thanks to the
military authorities for permission
to use the hall were tendered.

An armed robbery by a gang of
three men at 64, Kennedy Road, a
Chinese residence, was frustrated
yesterday by the plucky action of
a servant girl in giving the alarm
just as the men had reached the
doorway. The only other occupant
at the time was the mistress of
the house, and she also played a
part in putting the gang to flight.

CORRESPONDENCE.

FOOTBALL REFEREES AND PLAYERS.

[To the Editor of "China Mail"].

Sir,—After having witnessed the
Kowloon-South China football
match on Saturday last, I am
rather surprised to note that up
to the present no reference has been
made, in any of the local papers,
to the faulty decisions given by
the referee in charge of the game. His
decisions left much to be desired.
As this is not the first match I have
witnessed locally in which decisions
of the referee have been hopelessly
at fault, it would be interesting to
know what qualifications, if any, a
referee of the Football Association
is required to possess.

It would also be of interest to
know, in view of the fighting
attitude adopted by certain mem-
bers of the Kowloon team on Sat-
urday last, why, in football matches
between British and Chinese teams
locally, members of the former team
always adopt a fighting attitude to-
ward any Chinese player who should
commit a seemingly intentional
foul.

Apart from creating a very bad
impression on the spectators, the
adoption of a fighting attitude leads
one to doubt the veracity of the
popular adage that a Briton is a
thorough sportsman and plays the
game under all conditions. Granted
that a Chinese player does commit
a very deliberate foul, surely this
is not a sufficient excuse for a
Briton to forget that he is a gentle-
man, and, above all, a sportsman
in the highest sense.

Yours, etc.,

A. KANGAROO.

Hong Kong, March 5.

INVENTOR KILLED.

WHILE FLYING WORLD'S SMALLEST AEROPLANE.

Chicago, Feb. 1.
Captain Edward Heath, a noted
inventor, died here to-day following
the crash of an aeroplane in which
he was flying.

Captain Heath was the inventor
of the "Yellow Flea," the world's
smallest aeroplane ever to fly suc-
cessfully.

Captain Heath was flying in the
"Yellow Flea" when he lost control
of his plane and crashed to earth
from an altitude of approximately
1,000 feet.

PIGS IN CRATES.

MASTER OF A STEAMER FINED.

MAXIMUM PENALTY.

Before the Hon. Comdr. G. F.
Hole, R.N. (retired), in the Marine
Court this morning, Captain Isaac
A. Lemos, master of the s.s. Wing
Wo, which is on the Hong Kong-
Kwongchow run, was sum-
moned by Boarding Officer T. B. Low
for arriving in the Colony on
March 4 with pigs in crates on
board, the pigs not being stowed
in accordance with Regulation 9 of
Regulations made under the Live
Stock Import and Export Ordinance,
1903, amended by Govern-
ment Notification in the Gazette
of September 26, 1930. He plead-
ed "guilty."

The Magistrate said that the
regulation had been in force for
the past four or five months so
that there was ample time for
people to comply with it. He ad-
ded that the regulation was design-
ed with the view of preventing
cruelty to animals, and if it was
not complied with he must take a
serious view.

Defendant was given the maxi-
mum penalty of a fine of \$100, or
one month's imprisonment in de-
fault.

\$5,600 GOLD NUGGET

BOY'S VALUABLE FIND IN AUSTRALIA.

Kalgoorlie, Jan. 16.

A sensation was caused in
Kalgoorlie late last night when it
was learnt that James Joseph Lar-
combe (aged 17 years) had dis-
covered a slug of gold weighing
1,123oz. of free gold at the alluvial
find at Larkinnville. The value of
the nugget is estimated at approxi-
mately \$5,600.

The nugget is on view in Cool-
gardie, and is a record for Western
Australia. The Larkinnville field
during the past few weeks has
yielded some fine slugs, but the one
discovered yesterday probably will
remain the most valuable.

It is more than twice the size of
the previous biggest nugget found
in this State, the Bobby Dazzler,
which was unearthed in 1899 at
Coongan River, Pilbara, and which
weighed 487oz. Opinion is freely
expressed that the Government
should not permit virgin gold of
such phenomenal weight to be
smelted into bars or cur-
rency, but that, with other
slugs from Larkinnville, it should
be exhibited in London, Paris,
New York and other world
centres. As overseas invest-
ors are now inclined to provide
capital for Western Australian gold
mining ventures, such an exhibition
would indicate most strongly the
possibilities of unexploited aurifer-
ous areas in this State. There
would be no difficulty in regard to
the purchasing of these slugs, be-
cause any bank will advance money
against gold.

Largest Nugget.

The largest nugget of gold dis-
covered in Australia was the Wel-
come Stranger, weighing 2,284oz.,
which was found at Mellagui (Vic-
toria) in 1869. This also is the
largest nugget of gold discovered
anywhere in the world.

\$70,000 FOR POOR-BOXES.

Man's Bequest To Help First Offenders.

A large bequest to the poor-boxes
in London police courts was made
by Mr. John Albert Drinan, of the
Constitutional Club, W.C. He died
in January 1930, leaving £76,249.

Apart from an annuity of £300 to
his daughter Dora, the whole of this
sum is left in "trust for the poor-
boxes of the Metropolitan Police
Courts in London, for the benefit
of the poor and needy in such manner
as the magistrate or magistrates of
such courts shall think fit."

The will is proved by the Public
Trustee.

The money in poor-boxes at
Metropolitan police courts is ad-
ministered by the magistrates. It
is contributed by the public, and is
designed to help first offenders or
their relatives.

Inquiries are usually made by the
police or the probation officers. If
a case warrants it, the magistrate
gives permission for money to be
paid out of the box.

The City Guilds contribute gen-
erously to London poor-boxes.

MONEY LEFT.

Mr. Daniel Edward Cappleman,
who died in the Connaught Hospital,
Hong Kong, on May 22, 1930, left
local estate valued at \$2,400.

Letters of administration have
been granted to Mr. Dennis Henry
Blake, solicitor.

Mr. Cappleman was an account-
ant in the Standard Oil Company
of New York, and resided in the
Hong Kong Club. His father,
who survives him, is Mr. J. B.
Cappleman of Marion County,
Florida, U.S.A.

STOP PRESS

New York, Yesterday.

A series of violent political
movements in which Chief
Justice Elias and his suc-
cessor, Ocampo, were set up as
Presidents, have now reached
a stage that the Junta has
been overthrown and Sanchez
Cerro returns to power in
Lima, Peru. — Reuter's
American Service.

NEW SOLICITOR.

MR. H. S. V. MOSSOP ENROLLED
HERE.

RECENTLY OUT FROM HOME.

In the Supreme Court this morn-
ing, the Acting Chief Justice, (Mr.
J. R. Wood) formally admitted and
enrolled a new solicitor to practise
locally in Mr. Henry Swinson
Valentine Mossop, who arrived in
the Colony on February 26.

Mr. Mossop, formerly of Frin-
stead, Manor Road, Sidmouth,
Devon, is a solicitor of the Supreme
Court of Judicature, England. He
was admitted to practise at Home
in November, 1927. In Hong Kong
he has joined the firm of Messrs
Johnson, Stokes and Master. Dur-
ing the years 1921-1923 he was re-
siding in South Africa.

The motion was made by the At-
torney-General, the Hon. Mr. C. G.
Alabaster, O.B.E., K.C., who, before
the application, was congratulated
by the Chief Justice, it being his
first appearance in the Court since
his recent appointment.

The Attorney-General returned
thanks to His Lordship's wishes for
his success.

Later, after Mr. Mossop had been
admitted, His Lordship wished him
many years of successful practice.
Mr. Mossop also returned thanks.

SOVIET PROPAGANDA.

At a time when the questions of
Russian propaganda, convict labour,
etc., are so prominent, industrially
as well as politically, it is not with-
out point to refer to that side of
Russian propagandist activity
which affects the shipping industry.

From letters received from
Merchant Naval officers it is appar-
ent that no opportunity is lost of
spreading Communist doctrines
among those who operate and man
our ships, and we have recently re-
ceived from the master of a ship
trading to Russian ports examples
of the subversive literature that is
published and disseminated for the
"information" of seafarers. These
are pamphlets costing a few cop-
pers, and a glance at them is all
that is necessary to reveal their
character, just as the knowledge
and intelligence possessed by an
average citizen is sufficient to re-
fute their arguments and nullify
their contentions, for in them mis-
statements of the most obvious
kind abound. The measure of their
success in gaining converts is per-
haps best illustrated by the opinion
of the master from whom we re-
ceived them; it was, he said, un-
printable!

Nevertheless, if only on the as-
sumption that if you throw mud for
a sufficient length of time and in
sufficient quantities, some of it will
stick, such a state of affairs is ex-
tremely unsatisfactory. The ship-
ping industry has enough troubles
of its own without the undesirable
efforts of "comrades" who claim,
presumably, to be citizens of a
State with which Britain is on
"friendly" terms.

SHIPPING AT PORTUGUESE PORTS.

A Decree is published at Lisbon
providing that national and foreign
merchant ships in the ports of
Portugal, Madeira, and the Azores
shall be subject to the same mari-
time and port regulations. Detail-
ed regulations are to be published
before June 20. Evidently this
does not affect the present prefer-
ence to cargo in Portuguese ships.

Ten Years Ago.

[From the "China Mail" of
March 6, 1921.]

To-day's dollar is worth 2 1/2 %.

News was received in the Colony
this morning that the steamer Hong
Mun (Captain Holmes) met with
disaster on Saturday as a result of
which the Captain and many others
lost their lives, and the vessel now
lies in three pieces on the Lamock.
The steamer is well known in Hong
Kong, trading between Singapore
and Amoy. The lives of about 800
coolies were lost, but the other
Europeans on board were saved.
The Captain's body has not yet
been found.

BOLSHEVISM EXPOSED

One of the Agents of the Economic Crisis.

CASE AGAINST SOVIET DUMPING.

The following memorandum has been addressed to the Governments and International Institutions by the Permanent Bureau of the International Entente Against the Third International:

Between 1925 and 1929 the Permanent Bureau of the International Entente against the Third International addressed memoranda to the Governments accompanied by an abundant and authentic documentation: the following were the essential points:

Bolshevism, we stated in 1926, is the most serious political, social, economic and moral problem of the present time, because it imperils both the internal and external security of each State, civil and international peace, the fundamental principles of law and morality which govern modern States, and economic prosperity.

The doctrine of violence which Lenin preached has remained that of his successors. Terrorism continues to be the system of government of Soviet Russia.

The only disarmament envisaged by the Soviet Government is the disarmament of the bourgeoisie and the arming of the proletariat.

The fight is inevitable—it is being waged daily before our eyes—between bolshevism and the constructive forces of civilisation, and not only on an international but also on a national plane.

On the bolshevik side the fight is being directed by the Political Bureau of the Russian Communist Party (Politbureau), upon which depend the Soviet Government and the Executive Committee of the Third International. The base of operations of the bolsheviks is the U.S.S.R., an immense empire straddling two continents. The preliminary aims they pursue are the class war, civil war, colonial unrest and race war.

needs to be reconstructed, is hermetically sealed against imports with the exception of those destined for the execution of the Five Year Plan, the carrying out of which will result in the final closing of the Russian market. Moreover, the purchasing power of the Soviet Government abroad is greatly inferior to the purchasing power of the former empire.

In China, the chaos, favoured and maintained by Moscow, reduces the volume of business and excludes the possibility of creating new.

In the Asiatic and African possessions the spirit of revolt is maintained and excited by Moscow.

Throughout the world, social insecurity and economic difficulties are maintained by the immense network of organisations and agents of the Third International, and by the Soviet embassies and commercial missions.

The Workers are, and Will Become More and More, the Victims.

The first victim of this bolshevik action is the worker. If this world factor of trouble and disorder and destruction which the bolshevik power represents were suppressed it would be possible to give work to millions of unemployed. Unemployment, which constitutes such a serious menace from the social as well as from the economic point of view, is preparing what the bolsheviks call the "revolutionary situation."

The Sixth Congress of the Third International, which met at Moscow in the Summer of 1928 formulated this menace: "It is necessary that the situation of the masses shall have become more than ordinarily painful."

We see now its execution. Aims of Soviet Dumping and of the Five Year Plan.

The future is still darker than the present. Already, Soviet dumping, rendered possible by the privations and forced labour of the Russian population, is, in the midst of the crisis, dealing a dangerous blow at the economy of every State.

Indeed, how can the European or American worker, who requires proper wages, lodging, food and clothing, stand this competition? Tomorrow the accomplishment, even partial, of the Five Year Plan will have still graver consequences.

The Soviet State, sole industrial and agricultural employer, sole trader, judge and defendant in every case, able, thanks to the G.P.U. to exploit *ultra vires* the labour of workers and peasants while maintaining them in that miserable situation which enables its own tyranny to continue; the Soviet State, which takes no account of cost price since it disposes of labour paid for in paper money and of a country with an immensely rich soil, has commenced with the financial and technical support of four of the greatest industrial powers in the world (Germany, Great Britain, the United States and Italy), the execution of the following programme:

To render the U.S.S.R., by equipping it industrially, independent of foreign countries from the economic point of view, which will suppress all imports from abroad.

To organise the economic power of the U.S.S.R. in such a way that, handled by a single and omnipotent direction, it can be used without regard for the needs of the Russian people to destroy the economy of the so-called capitalist countries by a ruthless competition on all their markets.

This programme can only be regarded as impossible if one is ignorant of the situation in the U.S.S.R., where the ordinary and traditional norms which dictate our judgment no longer exist.

If things continue to pursue their present course, the situation of the working masses in Europe and America will become still more difficult than it is to-day, which is what Moscow desires.

Who Are Responsible?

Who, with the bolsheviks, will bear the responsibility?

The Governments of nearly all the States, who seem not to have understood what bolshevism is, nor to have measured the gravity of its menace. But those who bear the heaviest responsibility are—

together with many great American industrialists—the governments of a few great powers who support the Soviet Government whether in the political or the economic field. We mean the German, British and Italian Governments. We accuse these governments of being to-day the cause of the inertia of the civilised world in face of the bolshevik attack. It is because these three great Powers have taken the side of the Soviet Government, or at least will permit no common defence against it, that the League of Nations, systematically ignores the gravest problem of our time.

Owing to the veto of these three great Powers, are we to see the day

HELENA MAY.

PROGRAMME ARRANGED BY MR. HARRY ORE.

SOME PLEASING MUSIC.

At the Helena May Institute yesterday evening a fairly large gathering was highly entertained by a programme arranged by Mr. Harry Ore. The concert opened with the second and third movements from Quartette in E flat (Beethoven), Mr. Ore being at the piano, with Mr. A. Wuest, (violin), Mr. F. Gonzales, (viola), and Mr. L. Szento, (cello). The same quartette, together with Mr. N. Botelho, (bass), were heard in the closing number, the first, fourth, and fifth movements from "Trout-Quintette," (Schumann).

Mr. Ore was heard to great advantage in a vase from "Eugene Onegin," (Tchaikovsky, transcribed by Pabst). His rendition of a Nocturn for the left hand (Scriabin), was also greatly appreciated.

MURDER ON LINER.

FILIPINO ON CAPITAL CHARGE IN KOWLOON.

Martin Gonzales Correa (26) described as a Filipino student, was brought before Mr. E. W. Hamilton at the Kowloon Magistrate's Court yesterday afternoon, charged with the murder of John Harrison, a plumber on the C.P.S. Empress of Russia, whom he is alleged to have shot dead whilst the liner was on a voyage from Hong Kong to Manila.

Mr. H. Somerset Fitzroy (Public Prosecutor) conducted the case for the Crown, and accused was not legally represented.

After some evidence had been given the hearing was adjourned.

when the peoples, reduced to misery by Soviet dumping, by the closing of immense markets, and by the destruction of all confidence, rise in revolt?

The Dilemma of 1931. It is not too late to act. On the contrary, the moment is propitious. The execution of the Five Year Plan is placing the U.S.S.R. in a very strained situation. The Politbureau, the real dictator of Russia, is a prey to great difficulties.

Two worlds confront one another, both in a perilous situation. The bolsheviks have realised the inexorable character of this opposition, and that is their strength, for their adversaries have not yet grasped the seriousness of the conflict. At Moscow there is rejoicing at the difficulties which all countries are passing through, at the terrible economic situation of Germany, at the distress of British commerce and industry, at the American crisis. Who will hold out longest? The Soviet Government or the other Governments? Such is the dilemma of the year 1931.

What Defence is There?

Here are the means of solving the dilemma in favour of civilisation as against bolshevik barbarity:

The Soviet State has never dissembled its will to destroy the economy of the so-called capitalist States in order to replace it by communist economy. This is the final aim of the Five Year Plan and of its successors.

This economic offensive, which began with dumping, will thus increase against all these States. Nothing more legitimate, therefore, than a coalition of economic defence against her and we will add, nothing more efficacious.

Indeed, in order to carry on this offensive the U.S.S.R. must first possess on its own territory factories, machinery and technical experts.

But up to now the U.S.S.R. can only obtain them from abroad.

Hitherto, it is precisely the industrial States threatened by the Five Year Plan which have supplied these.

The U.S.S.R. has been able to pay for them because she has been able, by dumping and by her other exports, to obtain foreign money.

The suppression of this technical aid given to the U.S.S.R., and the abstention from all commercial relations with her, signifies, a *coup de grace*, the collapse of the Five Year Plan. And the collapse of the Five Year Plan means the collapse of the Soviet regime, because it means the destruction of its means of action at home as well as abroad.

That would mean, very soon, the liberation of the Russian people and the salvation of the civilised world.

The States whose policy is not bound up with that of the Soviets should invite others to join them in taking these urgent and indispensable measures of legitimate defence.

From the U.S.S.R. an active propaganda is carried on abroad, notably by wireless broadcasting. The reverse could not constitute a *coup de grace*. The Russian people, therefore, should be informed that this reply to the Five Year Plan is a measure to which it will owe its deliverance and not a hostile act towards itself.

SHADOWS BEFORE

COMING EVENTS ANNOUNCED IN CHINA MAIL.

Social Functions.

To-day—Tea Dance at Hong Kong Hotel.

To-night—Dinner Dances at Peninsula and Hong Kong Hotels.

To-day—Whist Drive, Sergeants' Mess, Gun Club Hill.

To-morrow—St. John's Hall annual dance, 9 p.m.

March 17—St. Patrick's Society's Ball, Peninsula Hotel.

March 20—Yorkshire Society's Dinner.

Entertainments.

To-day—Queen's Theatre. "Let Us Be Gay."

To-day—Central Theatre. "King of Jazz."

To-day—Majestic Theatre. "When Love Comes Along."

To-day—Star Theatre. "Soft Living."

To-day—World Theatre. "The Scarlet Maid" (Chinese picture).

To-morrow—Star Theatre, Westminster Glee Singers, 5.30 p.m. and 9.15 p.m.

March 7, 10, 13, 14—"Art & Mrs. Bottle" by A.D.C., Theatre Royal, 9.15 p.m.

Sports.

See Diary on page 8.

Lammeris' Auction.

March 10—At Sales Room, 4 Duddell Street, household furniture, etc., 2.30 p.m.

Meetings.

To-day—Sanitary Board, 4.15 p.m.

To-morrow—Bank of Canton, noon.

March 11—Hong Kong Telephone Co., Ltd., Exchange Building (2nd floor), 11.30 a.m.

March 16—A. S. Watson & Co., Ltd., Hong Kong Hotel, 11.30 a.m.

March 18—Green Island Cement Co., Exchange Building, 11.30 a.m.

March 18—Dairy Farm Ice & Cold Storage Co., Ltd., 2, Lower Albert Road, noon.

Home Malls.

To-day—Inward from Europe via Negapatam (Hakozaki Maru); from Europe via Siberia (Khiva and Hakone Maru).

To-morrow—Inward from Europe via Negapatam (Santhia); from Europe via Siberia (President van Buren); Outward for Europe via Marseilles, (Khiva and Hakone Maru), 10.30 a.m. and 10 a.m. respectively.

Miscellaneous.

To-day—Miss Capell's pupils' dancing display, Theatre Royal, 5.30 p.m.

March 10—Central British School prize distribution, St. Andrew's Church Hall, 5.30 p.m.

RUBBER GOODS IN THE PHILIPPINES.

Success of New Local Industry.

The growth of rubber on a commercial scale in the Philippine Islands began fifteen years ago is now successfully established. (writes E. W. Snyder in the India Rubber World) as also is the first manufacturing plant for the production of mechanical rubber goods, erected and operated by the Manila Rubber Co. located at Loreto de la Paz, Pandacan, Manila.

This factory equipped with modern rubber working machinery from the United States began operation in January, 1930, to supply by local production the rapidly growing demand of the Philippines for rubber goods particularly for industrial purposes.

The principal consumers of such goods include the various industries located in Manila and throughout the islands, such as sugar centrals, rice and coconut oil mills, railway and street-car companies, inter-island and trans-Pacific shipping, oil and gasoline stations, automobile accessories, electric insulation, rubber heels and soles, etc. These varied demands run into hundreds of different moulded items.

The distinct advantage of producing these goods in Manila results from the ability to supply the local industries promptly with fresh goods.

In the absence of local service from sixty to ninety days are required to obtain shipments from the United States. In the tropics, furthermore, rubber goods deteriorate more rapidly than in the temperate zones; consequently these products should not be held too long in stock.

In the case of the Manila Rubber Co. all of the rubber used is raised in the Philippines. The reclaimed and the compounding ingredients, however, are imported from the United States. The output is limited thus far to moulded sheets of small size. The moulds for these goods are all made in

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB.

OWNERS are reminded that Entries for the FIRST EXTRA RACE MEETING to be held on SATURDAY, 14th March, 1931 (weather permitting) will close on MONDAY, 9th March, 1931, at 12 o'clock noon.

By Order,
C. B. BROWN,
Secretary.
Hong Kong, 6th March, 1931.

A. S. WATSON & CO., LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the FORTY-SIXTH ANNUAL ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the Company (since its registration) will be held at the Hong Kong Hotel, Hong Kong, on MONDAY, the 16th March, 1931, at 11.30 a.m., for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Managers, together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st October, 1930.

The REGISTER OF SHARES of the Company will be CLOSED from WEDNESDAY, the 11th day of March, to TUESDAY, the 17th day of March, 1931, both days inclusive, during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.

JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON,
General Managers.
Hong Kong, 5th March, 1931.

the company's machine shop by native workmen. In fact Filipino labour is used in all departments of the factory and has proved skilful and dependable. The native mind is imitative rather than independent and inventive.

Outlook "Very Encouraging."

The outlook for crude rubber and rubber goods manufacturing is very encouraging and should develop into one of the leading industries of the islands.

In the production of rubber goods for tropical use special consideration must be given to the nine-month period when the day temperature registers 90 deg. F., and higher. These conditions call for skill in designing rubber mixings and in curing the goods.

Typical items that are specially liable to rapid deterioration in service are automobile hydraulic brake washers being in constant contact with warm oil, rice hulling comes that must remain soft and tough enough to function properly, vacuum cups, and gaskets for gasoline containers, gaskets for Diesel engines demanding great toughness and heat resistance.

Other specially compounded goods are hard rubber washers of graphitic stock made to meet the unusually severe conditions encountered in air compressors, the oil resisting air control gaskets for street car air-brakes, electrical insulators, and hard rubber circuit breakers with high dielectric resistance.

Other mechanical goods for services of less exacting nature include hand-saw bands, bottle-washer rings, moulded treads for truck wheels, hard rubber gaskets for percolators, alter press gaskets, and various other small items for plumbers' use.

In the field of footwear, production is confined to moulded soles, heels, and top lifts in black, white, and tan colours. The output in this line will increase each year as the native Filipinos are more and more adopting the custom of wearing shoes in place of going barefoot.

Live-stock have not been subjected to the drastic price-fall of other agricultural products and the continued complete immunity of the Irish Free State, from foot and mouth disease, has contributed negatively, but considerably to support the Irish live-stock trade, which, valued in exports at £18,000,000 is the most valuable single commodity exported from the Irish Free State. (In 1930 the exports of cattle increased by 9 per cent. more, than counterbalancing the lower prices obtained for butter and eggs.

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Everybody's Weekly, London.

All the operations now may end towards the final end: the destruction by the U.S.S.R. of all the other States and the institution of a bloody dictatorship wrongly named the "dictatorship of the proletariat."

The Governments of several Great Powers are contributing to the maintenance in power of the Soviet regime by the diplomatic and commercial relations which they entertain with it and the credits which they concede to it.

Pursued With Hatred.

The League of Nations has convoked to its economic and disarmament conferences the representatives of this regime, which not only pursues it with hatred but makes an immense effort to ruin the economy of other States and to increase its own military power.

All this shows the necessity of organising the fight against bolshevism on an international plane. The Governments, whose essential duty it is to defend that which the bolsheviks have sworn to destroy, should come to an understanding, not to make war on Russia, but to isolate the Government of the U.S.S.R. and the direction of the Third International, and to deliver the Russian people. Such understanding should have for its object the rupture of all diplomatic and commercial relations with the Government of the U.S.S.R.

Such are the observations, warnings and requests which we have addressed to the Governments in the course of these five years. To-day, it must be admitted that all we predicted—and which any attentive observer of bolshevism might have predicted—has, in fact, come about. Bolshevism, One of the Agents of the Economic Crisis.

The acuteness and duration of the present economic crisis are due to industrial over-production, that is to say to the insufficiency of markets, and to lack of confidence in the future. New outlets are sought and are not found; several former markets are closed. This state of affairs results largely from the action of the Soviet Government and of the Third International. As a matter of fact:

Russia, in Europe and Asia, that immense empire where everything

POST OFFICE NOTICE.

INWARD MAILS

FRIDAY, MARCH 6.
Shanghai and Europe via Siberia (London, Feb. 14) Hakone Maru
Shanghai and Europe via Siberia (London, Feb. 14) Khiva.
SATURDAY, MARCH 7.
Shanghai and Swatow Taming
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai (San Francisco, Feb. 6) & Europe via Siberia (London, Feb. 16) Pres. Van Buren
Europe via Negapatam (Papera only, London, Feb. 6) Santhia.
Straits Mirzapore
MONDAY, MARCH 9.
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai (San Francisco, Feb. 13) President Madison
FRIDAY, MARCH 13.
Australia and Manila Tai Ping.

OUTWARD MAILS

FRIDAY, MARCH 6.
Samshui & Wuchow 4 p.m.
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. & S. Africa, Egypt & Europe via Marseilles Khiva (Due Marseilles, April 4.)
K.P.O. Mar. 6, 4.30 p.m. Parcels Mar. 6, 5 p.m.
Registration Mar. 7, 9.45 a.m.
Letters 10.30 a.m.
SATURDAY, MARCH 7.
Shanghai and Europe via Siberia 10 a.m.
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. & S. Africa, Aden, Egypt & Europe via Marseilles Hakone Maru 10 a.m. (Due Marseilles, Apr. 4.)
Amoy 5 p.m.
Manila 5 p.m.
SUNDAY, MARCH 8.
Straits 9 a.m.
Bangkok via Swatow 9 a.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Pormosa 9 a.m.
MONDAY, MARCH 9.
Japan, Honolulu Canada U.S.A. Central and South America 9 a.m.
Europe via San Francisco 9 a.m.
Pres. Cleveland (Due San Francisco, Apr. 1.)
Parcels Mar. 9, 3 p.m.
Registration 4.15 p.m.
Letters 5 p.m.
Shanghai and Europe via Siberia 5 p.m.
Pres. Cleveland
Registration 5 p.m.
Letters 6 p.m.
TUESDAY, MARCH 10.
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow 2 p.m.
Amoy 3.30 p.m.
Manila 4.30 p.m.
Swatow 5 p.m.
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 11.
Sandakan 10.30 a.m.
FRIDAY, MARCH 13.
Straits and Calcutta 1 p.m.
Sul Sena
Parcels Mar. 13, Noon
Letters 1 p.m.
Halyang 1 p.m.
Khyber (Due Marseilles, Apr. 11.)
G.P.O.
Parcels Mar. 13, 5 p.m.
Registration Mar. 14, 9.45 a.m.
Letters 10.30 a.m.
TUESDAY, MARCH 17.
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. & S. Africa, Egypt & Europe via Marseilles Antenor (Due Marseilles April 15)
K.P.O.
Registration 4.30 p.m.
Letters 4.30 p.m.
THURSDAY, MARCH 20.
Manila, Australia & New Zealand via Thursday Island Tai Ping (Due Thursday Island March 30)
Parcels March 19, 5 p.m.
Registration March 20, 9.45 a.m.
Letters 10.30 a.m.
SATURDAY, MARCH 21.
Manila Emp. of Japan 3.30 p.m.

*Superscribed correspondence only.

SOLICITOR AMONG THE PAPUANS.

The Adventures of Mr. Laycock.

BIRD OF PARADISE.

The adventures of Mr. John Laycock, the well-known advocate and solicitor of Singapore, and until recently a member of the Municipal Commission, along the wild northern coast of New Guinea last Summer, were interestingly told by himself to the Singapore Rotary Club at their weekly tiffin meeting at Raffles Hotel.

The exportation of birds of paradise, cannibals, and an account of Papuan wonder at a white man bathing, were a few of the varied points touched upon by the speaker who considered that Papua "had beaten civilization."

"At Manokwari and later at Humboldt Bay, Hollandia, we took on board numbers of cassowaries and tree kangaroos said the speaker during his address. "These are ordinary articles of commerce in those regions. Parrots, cockatoos and lorries of various kinds go without saying of course. Even a few of the rarer birds of paradise were smuggled on board."

"As you know, the export of birds of paradise and their skins is now prohibited but some are smuggled out. I have no sympathy with this prohibition, which seems to me sentimentally carried to excess. The female bird of paradise never carries any plumage in any of the varieties I have seen. The male bird is the only plumage bird and he does not get his plumage until he is between four and five years old."

"It therefore did no harm whatever to kill off a whole lot of the old male birds and it may in fact have strengthened the stock. There was no possible question of exterminating the species as no one would dream of killing the female or the young males; they are absolutely insignificant as any of you can see at Mr. Basaph's Zoo."

Paralyzing Blow To Trade.

The stoppage of this trade has been a paralyzing blow to Dutch New Guinea. The Dutch impose an export customs duty on everything going out of the country and a custom officer goes round with the ship. On my trip he collected about £11,000. Five or six years ago, in the heyday of the paradise bird trade, he used to collect £12,000 or more. This will give you an idea of what that trade meant to New Guinea. At Hollandia where formerly there were about twenty Chinese kedals there are now about four.

"I am in favour of being kind to our feathered friends but not at the cost of ruining the entire country. This curious state of mind on the part of enthusiasts is still strong in the land. I was told while there that the Government of the Straits Settlements had recently been making representations to the Government of the N.E.I. asking them to tighten up the prohibition and to prevent smuggling out of birds; which action was taken (as I found out) at the instance of a well-known Singapore gentleman."

"It must give him and those of his kind great satisfaction to reflect on the number of decent traders whom they have deprived of a living to satisfy their humanitarian ideas."

"There is a popular belief that Papuans are cannibals," went on Mr. Laycock later. "At Macassar several gentlemen expressed a lively concern lest I should remain in New Guinea in the stomach of a Papuan. No doubt the belief is well founded but cannibalism is not practised now save possibly in the remotest regions."

"The Papuan is born idle and lives on jungle produce, sago roots (taro) fish and any small animals he can shoot with his arrows. He will eat almost anything he can get, rats, mice, tough old cassowary, tree kangaroo, or anything else. Some even eat a kind

of shaly stones which they nibble like chocolate. He will eat a rat or bird three days dead and decomposing, after giving it a turn over a charcoal fire to brown its outside."

Scarcity of Food.

"The provision of sufficient food must be a constant anxiety for them, and hunger a constant enemy."

He himself had little doubt that the shortage of other food must have been one of the main reasons for their cannibalism.

There were only about a dozen white men along the whole coast of Northern New Guinea and many of these were missionaries. Summing up his impressions of this wild corner of the globe Mr. Laycock said: "There are no roads in Dutch New Guinea but there are a few tracks fit for horses; there are of course no motor cars. Except for a few tiny plantations on islands and near the coast, the whole country is jungle and no attempt is being made to develop it. The country in fact gives one the feeling that here civilisation is definitely defeated. Papua has beaten civilisation. Except that the Dutch Government, preserves order and that the missionaries have converted a number of the natives on the coast, Papua must in all essentials be in the same condition as it was 200 years ago."

Describing a swim which he took at Bosnick on the island of Wiak, in the Pacific Ocean north of Geelvink Bay on the return journey to Singapore, Mr. Laycock said: "I had a swim from the boat and all the village crowded out to see the remarkable sight of a white man swimming. When after the swim I pulled myself into the motor boat they gave the Papuan equivalent of a loud cheer and a hearty laugh and as the boat moved away they threw at us all the orchids which I had declined to buy. Bosnick is the one Papuan place of which I preserve a happy recollection."

FOR DEMOCRACY.

WHAT IS BEING DONE IN N.W. FRONTIER PROVINCE.

New Delhi, Jan. 31.

A communique by the North-West Frontier Province administration, the text of which has been issued to the Press, states that though public attention is at present focussed on the larger aspect of popular representation in legislative bodies, it is, nevertheless, interesting to observe the advance towards democratic control which is taking place in the North-West Frontier Province in the constitution of municipalities and district boards.

It has been decided to introduce a 50 per cent. elective element into the personnel of these bodies, and, already, much spade work has been done to make the decision effective.

Electoral Rolls.

In three municipalities tentative electoral rolls have been completed, and the formation of constituencies is in progress while, in the remainder, including Hoti Marden, which has recently been raised to the status of a municipality and district board, election rules, which prescribe franchise and membership qualifications and the procedure to be observed in the conduct of elections, will be notified in the North-West Frontier Province Gazette of January 30, 1931, and will, no doubt, receive the close attention they deserve at the hands of prospective candidates and others interested.

It is expected that the draft election rules will be confirmed by the end of February and the Frontier Province administration will give full consideration to any suggestions for their improvement which are submitted by February 20.

As they stand, the draft rules follow closely the lines of those adopted in the Punjab. As regards the reconstitution of district boards, the larger areas to be enfranchised complicate the preparation of the electoral rolls, but the work has already been begun and the formation of constituencies is being taken in hand.

EXCHANGES.

TO-DAY'S QUOTATIONS.

On London—
Bank, wire 11
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Credits, 4 months' sight 11 11/16
Documentary, 4 months' sight 11 13/16
On Paris—
On demand 567 1/2
Credits, 4 months' sight 607 1/2
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On demand 22 1/4
Credits, 60 days' sight 23 1/4
On Bombay—
Wire 61 1/4
On demand 61 1/4
On Calcutta—
Wire 61 1/4
On demand 61 1/4
On Singapore—
On demand 39 1/4
On Manila—
On demand 44 1/4
On Shanghai—
On demand Tls. 76
Dollar 3 1/4% dis.
On Yokohama—
On demand 45
Sovereigns / Bank's buying rate 11 1/2
Silver (per oz.) 13
Bar Silver in Hong Kong Nominal
Copper Cash Nominal
Copper Cents 3% prem.
Rate of Native Interest 3 1/2% p.a.
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New York 4.85 25/32
Brussels 34.85 1/4
Geneva 25.23 1/2
Amsterdam 12.12
Milan 32.72 1/2
Berlin 20.48 1/2
Copenhagen 18.16 1/4
Stockholm 18.13 1/2
Oslo 18.16
Vienna 34.56 1/4
Prague 184
Helsingfors 192 1/2
Madrid 45.20
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BLACK MAGIC.

WOMAN "WITCH-DOCTOR" ARRESTED.

Suffering from recurrent attacks of fever and hysteria, a young woman, a native of Milazzo, in Sicily, was induced to ignore the medical clinic established in her village and to submit herself instead to the ministrations of an old hag believed to have occult relations with the Devil.

As a cure the "witch," after incantations and the boiling up of various revolting brews, thrust a large needle into the right foot of the girl. As the fever continued so was the treatment augmented, until no less than 64 needles had been wholly thrust into various parts of her leg and left there.

The young woman's condition became grave, and the medical officials of the place heard of it. They removed her to hospital for examination and X-rays revealed the needles.

Forty needles were extracted, but it is feared that to save the life of the victim her leg will have to be amputated.

Terrified at the "devil's revenge," the young woman at first refused to reveal how the needles came to be there, but later confessed. The "witch doctor" has been arrested and a general investigation has been opened as to the further existence and activities of such creatures.

HONG KONG STOCK EXCHANGE

Opening Daily Official Quotations 6th March, 1931.

STOCK	Buy	Sell	Price	Div.	Last dividend and when paid
Banks.					
Hong Kong Bank	207 1/2	207 1/2	Dec.	Final 25 cents at 1/200 ex. 1/11/27-14	Mar. 2, 31
Chartered Bank	16 1/2	16 1/2	Dec.	Interim 7 1/2 free 1/1/27-14	Sep. — 30
Mercantile Bk., A.B.	24 1/2	24 1/2	Dec.	Final 1/2 at 1/200 ex. 1/1/27-14	Sep. — 30
Bank of Asia	116	116	Dec.	Final 1/2 at 1/200 ex. 1/1/27-14	Feb. 28 31
Insurance.					
Canton Ins.	1800	1800	Dec.	Final 25 cents at 1/200 ex. 1/1/27-14	May 16, 30
Union Ins.	340	340	Dec.	Final 1/2 at 1/200 ex. 1/1/27-14	May 27 30
China Underwriters	300	300	Dec.	Final 25 cents at 1/200 ex. 1/1/27-14	May 20, 30
China Fire Ins.	535	535	Dec.	Final 25 cents at 1/200 ex. 1/1/27-14	Mar. 27, 30
H. K. Fire Ins.	1805	1805	Dec.	Final 25 cents at 1/200 ex. 1/1/27-14	Mar. 27, 30
Shipping.					
Douglas	25	25	Dec.	Final 25 cents at 1/200 ex. 1/1/27-14	Mar. 27, 30
H. K. Steamships	26 1/2	26 1/2	Dec.	Final 25 cents at 1/200 ex. 1/1/27-14	Mar. 27, 30
Indo-China (Pref.)	40	40	Dec.	Final 25 cents at 1/200 ex. 1/1/27-14	Mar. 27, 30
Shell Transports	69 1/2	69 1/2	Dec.	Final 25 cents at 1/200 ex. 1/1/27-14	Mar. 27, 30
Union Waterboats	37	37	Dec.	Final 25 cents at 1/200 ex. 1/1/27-14	Mar. 27, 30
Mining.					
Benguet	10 1/2	10 1/2	Dec.	Final 25 cents at 1/200 ex. 1/1/27-14	Mar. 27, 30
Kailash Mining Ad. Co.	36 1/2	36 1/2	Dec.	Final 25 cents at 1/200 ex. 1/1/27-14	Mar. 27, 30
Langkat	8 1/2	8 1/2	Dec.	Final 25 cents at 1/200 ex. 1/1/27-14	Mar. 27, 30
Shai Exploration	1.05	1.05	Dec.	Final 25 cents at 1/200 ex. 1/1/27-14	Mar. 27, 30
Loans	3 1/2	3 1/2	Dec.	Final 25 cents at 1/200 ex. 1/1/27-14	Mar. 27, 30
Venezuela Gold Fields	3.60	3.60	Dec.	Final 25 cents at 1/200 ex. 1/1/27-14	Mar. 27, 30
Docks, Wharves, Godowns, &c.					
H. K. & W. Docks	30 1/2	30 1/2	Dec.	Final 25 cents at 1/200 ex. 1/1/27-14	Mar. 27, 30
South Ch. Motors	3.30	3.30	Dec.	Final 25 cents at 1/200 ex. 1/1/27-14	Mar. 27, 30
China Provident (old)	2.45	2.45	Dec.	Final 25 cents at 1/200 ex. 1/1/27-14	Mar. 27, 30
Hongkew	27 1/2	27 1/2	Dec.	Final 25 cents at 1/200 ex. 1/1/27-14	Mar. 27, 30
N. Engineering	3 1/2	3 1/2	Dec.	Final 25 cents at 1/200 ex. 1/1/27-14	Mar. 27, 30
Shanghai Docks	110	110	Dec.	Final 25 cents at 1/200 ex. 1/1/27-14	Mar. 27, 30
Lands, Hotels & Buildings.					
H. K. & S. Hotels	12.00	12 1/2	Dec.	Final 25 cents at 1/200 ex. 1/1/27-14	Mar. 27, 30
H. K. Lands	8 1/2	8 1/2	Dec.	Final 25 cents at 1/200 ex. 1/1/27-14	Mar. 27, 30
Shanghai Lands	112	112	Dec.	Final 25 cents at 1/200 ex. 1/1/27-14	Mar. 27, 30
Humphreys (Cum Rb.)	10.85	10.85	Dec.	Final 25 cents at 1/200 ex. 1/1/27-14	Mar. 27, 30
H. K. Estates	3.05	3.05	Dec.	Final 25 cents at 1/200 ex. 1/1/27-14	Mar. 27, 30
China Estates	87	87	Dec.	Final 25 cents at 1/200 ex. 1/1/27-14	Mar. 27, 30
Cotton Mills.					
Ewo Cotton	15.95	16 1/2	Dec.	Final 25 cents at 1/200 ex. 1/1/27-14	Mar. 27, 30
Shanghai Cotton	100	100	Dec.	Final 25 cents at 1/200 ex. 1/1/27-14	Mar. 27, 30
Zoong Sigs	18.10	18.10	Dec.	Final 25 cents at 1/200 ex. 1/1/27-14	Mar. 27, 30
Public Utilities.					
H. K. Tramways	17.00	17 1/2	Dec.	Final 25 cents at 1/200 ex. 1/1/27-14	Mar. 27, 30
Peak Tram (old)	14	14	Dec.	Final 25 cents at 1/200 ex. 1/1/27-14	Mar. 27, 30
Peak Tram (new)	14	14	Dec.	Final 25 cents at 1/200 ex. 1/1/27-14	Mar. 27, 30
Star Ferry	18	18	Dec.	Final 25 cents at 1/200 ex. 1/1/27-14	Mar. 27, 30
H. K. Light	26.40	26 1/2	Dec.	Final 25 cents at 1/200 ex. 1/1/27-14	Mar. 27, 30
H. K. Electric	80 1/2	80 1/2	Dec.	Final 25 cents at 1/200 ex. 1/1/27-14	Mar. 27, 30
Macao	28	28	Dec.	Final 25 cents at 1/200 ex. 1/1/27-14	Mar. 27, 30
Sandakan Lights	12	12	Dec.	Final 25 cents at 1/200 ex. 1/1/27-14	Mar. 27, 30
H. K. Tel. fully paid	42	42	Dec.	Final 25 cents at 1/200 ex. 1/1/27-14	Mar. 27, 30
China Bury	19	19	Dec.	Final 25 cents at 1/200 ex. 1/1/27-14	Mar. 27, 30
S'pore Tractions (Ord.)	60	60	Dec.	Final 25 cents at 1/200 ex. 1/1/27-14	Mar. 27, 30
S'pore Tractions (Pref.)	19 1/2	19 1/2	Dec.	Final 25 cents at 1/200 ex. 1/1/27-14	Mar. 27, 30
Stores, &c.					
Dairy Farm (old)	20.10	20 1/2	Dec.	Final 25 cents at 1/200 ex. 1/1/27-14	Mar. 27, 30
Dairy Farm (new)	24 1/2	24 1/2	Dec.	Final 25 cents at 1/200 ex. 1/1/27-14	Mar. 27, 30
Watsons	13.40	13.40	Dec.	Final 25 cents at 1/200 ex. 1/1/27-14	Mar. 27, 30
Der A Wings	1	1	Dec.	Final 25 cents at 1/200 ex. 1/1/27-14	Mar. 27, 30
Lace Crawfords	8.90	8.90	Dec.	Final 25 cents at 1/200 ex. 1/1/27-14	Mar. 27, 30
Mackintosh	20	20	Dec.	Final 25 cents at 1/200 ex. 1/1/27-14	Mar. 27, 30
Sinceres	18 1/2	18 1/2	Dec.	Final 25 cents at 1/200 ex. 1/1/27-14	Mar. 27, 30
Wm. Powells	2.85	2.85	Dec.	Final 25 cents at 1/200 ex. 1/1/27-14	Mar. 27, 30
Miscellaneous.					
H. K. Amuse. (C. R.)	25 1/2	25 1/2	Dec.	Final 25 cents at 1/200 ex. 1/1/27-14	Mar. 27, 30
Ch. Entertainment	16.30	16 1/2	Dec.	Final 25 cents at 1/200 ex. 1/1/27-14	Mar. 27, 30
H. K. Constructions	6 1/2	6 1/2	Dec.	Final 25 cents at 1/200 ex. 1/1/27-14	Mar. 27, 30
B. Ind. G. Bonds	68 1/2	68 1/2	Dec.	Final 25 cents at 1/200 ex. 1/1/27-14	Mar. 27, 30
H. K. Govt. Loans	7 1/2	7 1/2	Dec.	Final 25 cents at 1/200 ex. 1/1/27-14	Mar. 27, 30

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The following programme will
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Z.E.W. on a wavelength of 355
metres:—

5-7 p.m.—Chinese Programme.
7-10.30 p.m.—European Pro-
gramme of Victor Records.

7 p.m.—Stock Quotations.
7.02-7.35 p.m.—Talkie Hits.
Song of the Soul (from "Climax"),
The Victor Salon Orchestra
(22406).

My Man is on the Make
(from "Hells Up"),
Helen Kane, Comedienne
(22476).

You Were Meant for Me
(from "Broadway Melody"),
Charles King, Comedian
(21963).

Cryin' for the Carolines
(from "Spring is Here"),
Jesse Crawford, Organist
(22320).

Weary River (from "Weary River"),
Gene Austin, Tenor (21856).

Don't Ever Leave (from "Sweet Adeline"),
Helen Morgan, Comedienne
(22199).

There's the One for Me
(from "Bulldog Drummond"),
Morton Downey, Tenor
(21988).

Cross Roads (from "Show People"),
Frank Baur (21782).

7.35-8.05 p.m.—A Concert.
Serenade (Cesareo & Tozzi),
Madam Amelita Galli-Curci
(1167).

Song—
June Brought the Roses
(Stanley & Openshaw),
John McCormack, Tenor
(1080).

Piano Solo—
Etude in A Flat Major (Chopin),
Waltz in C Sharp Minor (Chopin),
Alfred Cortot (1101).

Song—
The Bells of St. Mary's
(Furber & Adams),
Frances Alda, Soprano (1170).

Song—
Norma (Bellini),
Ezio Pinza, Bass (1131).

Bassoon Solo—
Hungarian Fantasia (Weber),
William Gruner (20525).

Flute Solo—
Whirlwind (Krantz),
Clement Barone (20525).

3.05-3.47 p.m.—Band & Orchestral Pieces.
a. Soldier's March (Schumann),
b. March (Hollaender),
c. Marche from Nutcracker Suite
(Tchaikowsky),
d. Marche from Alceste (Gluck),
Victor Orchestra (19881).

La Paloma (Yradier),
Victor Orchestra (19881).

Dance of the Hours (Ponchielli),
Victor Symphony Orchestra
(35823).

Kamennol—Ostrow (Rubenstein),
Libestrump (Liszt),
Victor Symphony Orchestra
(35820).

Royal Södermanland Parade
(Lundvall),
Victor Orchestra (19881).

Royal Navy Parade March
(Heimdal),
Victor Orchestra (19881).

Popular Songs of Yesterday—Medley,
The Troubadours (35831).

8.47-9 p.m.—
Down South (W. H. Myrdleton),
Goin' Home (W. A. Fischer),
Eveready Hour Group (35823).

The Glow-Worm (Lincke),
Boys and Girls Chorus of
Brooklyn (35814).

9 p.m.—Weather Report, Local
Time, etc.

9.05-10 p.m.—A Recital of Songs
and Pianoforte Solos from the
Studio by Miss Maria Gomes (So-
prano) (accompanied by Mr. H. J.
Fountain) and Miss L. Pecker
(Pianist).

1. Two Songs:—
a. The Swan (Grieg),
b. Hidden Love (Grieg).
2. Pianoforte Solo:—
Selected.

3. Two Songs:—
a. In a Boat (Grieg),
b. Gossipping (Dodge).
4. Pianoforte Solo:—
Selected.

5. Two Songs:—
a. I Hear You Calling Me
(Marshall),
b. Homing (Del Riego).
6. Pianoforte Solo:—
Selected.

10-10.30 p.m.—
Sonata in A Major (Cesar Franck),
Alfred Cortot (Pianist) and
Jacque Thibault (Violinist)
(8175-8).

10.30 p.m.—Close Down.

STANDARD TIMES.
SUNRISE AND SUNSET IN
COLONY.

Sunrise and Sunset in Hong
Kong for March 1931. Stan-
dard time of the 120th Meridian,
East of Greenwich) are as fol-
lows:—

Date	a.m.	p.m.
6	Sunrise 6.41	Sunset 6.29
7	6.40	6.29
8	6.39	6.29
9	6.38	6.30
10	6.38	6.30
11	6.37	6.31
12	6.36	6.31
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16	6.33	6.33
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18	6.31	6.33
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20	6.29	6.34
21	6.27	6.34
22	6.26	6.35
23	6.25	6.35
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27	6.22	6.35
28	6.21	6.37
29	6.20	6.37
30	6.19	6.38
31	6.18	6.38

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"LET US BE GAY."

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Queen's Theatre.

In "The Last of Mrs. Cheyne,"
Miss Shearer was seen and heard
playing at a society recital. In
"Their Own Desire," she played
the piano for Robert Montgomery.

"The Divorcee" showed her play-
ing at a party and now in her
new film she plays for an im-
promptu quartet.

Robert Z. Leonard directed the
picturisation of the Rachel
Crothers play with Rod La Rocque
appearing opposite the star. In-
cluded in the supporting cast are
Marie Dressler, Hedda Hopper,
Sally Eiler, Raymond Hackett,
Gilbert Emery, and Tyrrell Davis.

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set of "King of Jazz," the all-
famous player enacting a role
which bears no possible semblance
to anything he has done before.

In "Rough Romance," Fox
Movietone drama of the snow-
lands, Moreno, who has hitherto
usually played Latin parts in a
bawdy Latin environment, portrays
a rough trapper of the northern
woods, a villain of the tall timbers,
and proves that cold weather
does nothing to freeze the perfec-
tion of his artistry.

"Rough Romance," an all-talk-
ing outdoor epic filmed amid the
scenic beauties of the Cascade
country of Washington by Direc-
tor A. F. Erickson, features, in
addition to O'Brien, Moreno and
Miss Chandler, such well-known
players as Noel Francis, David
Hardford, Harry Cording, and
Eddie Borden.

There are eight different
changes of costumes by all the
hundreds of players in this one
number alone, which is the finale
of "King of Jazz." Almost all of
the glittering array of screen,
stage and vaudeville stars who ap-
pear throughout the picture appear
in this number also, which is the
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filmed.

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a crucible of melody which con-
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"WHY BRING THAT UP?"

Charles Mack, of the comedy
team of Moran and Mack, the Two
Black Crows, was born at White
Cloud, Kansas. Just about the
time that Master Charles was
ready to absorb the rudiments of
the "Three R's," his parents moved
to Tacoma, Washington, and it
was there that he obtained his
early school education. The
family migrated to Portland and
Salem, Oregon, in other years, but
eventually returned to Tacoma.

Mack's first ambition was to be-
come a baseball player. For a
time he was a sandlot star and
then graduated to a catcher's po-
sition on the Olympia, Wash-
ington, professional team and hobnobbed
with Joe Tinker and Hal Chase.
The Olympia street car company
owned the team and part of Mack's

contract, in addition to ball play-
ing, was to act as a street car
conductor for six hours a day.

But Mack had another passion
—mechanics. He became interest-
ed in electricity and soon got a
job as electrician in a Tacoma
theatre. After a while he yearned
to be an author of stage
material. Some of his writings
were accepted and used by actors.
And so Mack decided to write an
act for himself, for if his lines
were valuable to others, why
couldn't he put them over himself?

He tried blackface for many
years and finally teamed up with
Moran. They played in vaudeville
in America for a number of years,
but it took the plaudits of Britain
to put them over. The team now
appeared in many musical shows
in New York and made phonograph
records, over 7,000,000 of which
have been sold. Many new admir-
ers were created by radio broad-
casting.

Now, Moran and Mack, the Two
Black Crows, have made their first
motion picture, "Why Bring That
Up?" which comes to the Central
Theatre on Sunday.

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loon, for a farewell four nights
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welcome back being afforded to
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guished alto and pianist), Ernest
McKinley (the brilliant leading
tenor), Robert Scott (Scotland's
gifted young tenor), James Barber
(the eminent bass), Albert Greene
(the novel and refreshing com-
edian, with a rare singing voice as
well), and Messrs. Wilfrid Thomas,
William Lowry and Maxwell
Oldaker, to say nothing of the six
delightful boy sopranos.

Shanghai has responded as keenly
to the Glee Singers as did
Hong Kong, and the season they
are at present playing in the Em-
bassy Theatre could be prolonged
but for definite arrangements to
open in Singapore on March 17,
which must be adhered to.

The Westminster Glee Singers
will probably be the last touring
company to visit here for some
considerable time—certainly the
last of such magnitude—so Hong
Kong audiences are bound to seize
these opportunities and see a com-
pany (whose merit has been tried
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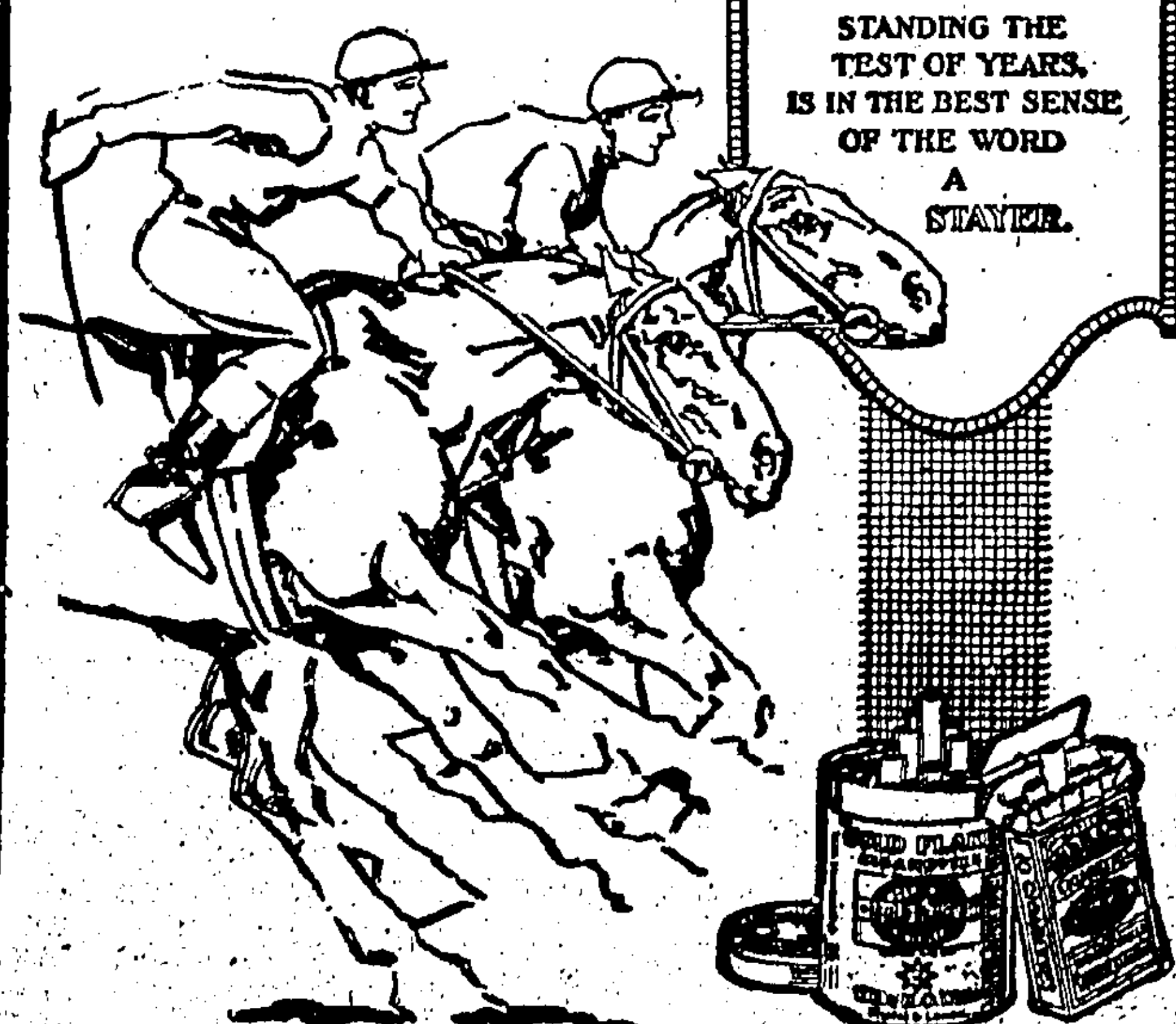
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10-Prison
14-Market
15-Budden fear
16-Authority
17-Desert
18-Lasssed
19-One of the Apostles
20-To place violently
22-Territory (abbr.)
23-Part of verb "to be"
24-Six
25-Small child (colloq.)
27-Fence steps
35-Flying mammal
36-Hawkeye
38-Wireless
41-Made evident
42-Power of feeling
43-Passes through a
44-Participle to the
interior
47-Lutescent (abbr.)
48-Card game
49-Geological term
50-Phonetic (abbr.)

HORIZONTAL (Cont.)
51-Prefix. A sounder
52-Glossy fabric
54-Place
55-Part of "to be"
57-Margin
58-Plant juice
60-Silly
63-Seat
65-Couch
66-American poet
67-Island associated with Napoleon
68-Pertaining to punishment
69-Spar
70-One who colors
71-Bait used by anglers (ply)

VERTICAL
11-Mean abode
12-Altitudes
13-Deserve
18-Prefix. Before
21-Fathers and mothers
23-Beverage
25-Flat circular plates
28-Small bay
29-Expert aviators
31-In a devilish manner
33-Consumed
35-Fought
37-Hales
38-Imbue
39-A flower (pl.)
40-Units
43-Encountered
44-Crying aloud
45-Wash up against
51-Cramble
52-Dimple of respect
53-Pertaining to the navy
55-Candle
57-Prefactor
58-Wan
61-Froth
62-Decimal numbers
64-Mary's name (abbr.)
65-Lab
66-Paras
68-Scheld

VERTICAL (Cont.)
1-Little devil
2-Fastener
3-Discuss
4-Diminutive suffix
5-Mar
6-Scores with narrow strips of fabric
7-Splendour
8-11th century
9-Christians
10-Place in difficulty

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TALKIE TALKS
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As I had hoped both theatres report full houses at each show. In "The King of Jazz" the outstanding musical numbers are, of course, that masterpiece by Gershwin, "The Rhapsody in Blue," and the two songs by John Boles. Pity we had no outstanding voice amongst the women members of the cast, and the Hollywood Beauties rather made Jeanette Loff's much exploited-so-called beauty fade into nothingness. Charles Irwin, who was Master of Ceremonies in a Los Angeles Theatre when I saw him last, failed utterly to convince. His free and easy style was cramped; he merely announced. I still maintain that the best man in this particular job is Frank Fay, whom we shall see in "The Show of Shows." Laura in Plante had no chance to shine. The vaudeville turns, like



Laura La Plante.

the trick violinist, Wilbur Hall, and the Rag Doll Dance of Statler and Rose pleased the audience the most. The skits were weak. It is certainly a pity that musical shows are no longer popular, because I have the greatest admiration for the girls who do the major part of the work. The theatrically termed "Pony Ballet." That opening number with the perfection of the hand and leg movement pleased me greatly. Paul Whiteman and his Band need no praise. With John Murray Anderson, who has a flair for beauty, they make this film something outstanding. Most certainly advise a visit. (Central).

"Let Us Be Gay." Oh, you wonderful Norma Shearer. You possess at least three sources of attraction. A beautiful body, an intelligent mind, and a heart. They make you a siren, and what a siren. No wonder you are ac-



Norma Shearer.

claimed in all corners of the earth. You have survived through the critical stage of the gradual progress from Movies to Talkies, and you take your share of the highest honours. Born in Montreal, Canada, on August 10, 1904, Norma Shearer had the honour of being chosen as one of the dancing partners of the Prince of Wales when she was a pupil in the High School. Later she tried her luck on the stage in New York. She had a hard struggle, and most of her housekeeping was done out of a paper bag, you know, the delicate meals. It was in the Movies when she migrated to Hollywood that she made her mark. Married Irving Thalberg the genius behind the throne at M-G-M. Has one son—no inten-

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tion of retiring, and gives always of her best. Recently finished "Strangers May Kiss," with Robert Montgomery as her lead again. In this play, "Let Us Be Gay," she is the magnet who draws all to her side, and she carries off the honours, too, ably assisted by an excellent cast. Tyrell Davis as the absurd Wallace the poetic hanger-on, Gilbert Emery as Townley, the long-legged Briton, Hedda Hopper always charming, not forgetting Marie Dressler as Bouci. How I wished for more of her.

When we see her in "Min and Bill" we shall see the Marie who has proved herself at the age of sixty to be without a rival in her own particular characterisations. At the opening of this film in Hollywood, a heartfelt tribute was paid to Miss Dressler by her fellow artists, a tribute they pay but seldom. When she alighted from her car, that vast crowd who had collected to pay her homage gave her such a deluge of applause that the wonderful wrinkled face, which has never become embittered by life's worst experiences, broke from a smile to real tears. The woman who has made good, who has battled through adversity, lost more than one fortune through ill-health or tricks of fate, who attained stardom in the old days of the Movies with Charles Chaplin in "Tillie's Punctured Romance," and through no fault of her own went into total eclipse, even though she had made it screen history, has kept going, taking anything that was offered, making the best of everything. We have not seen how truly great she is till we see her in this strong play with Wallace Beery and Marjorie Rambeau.

I think "Let Us Be Gay" is a play to be seen twice, as so many points are lost through the laughter of the audience. The picture artists have not yet quite learnt the value of stage technique which allows for the laughs. Every moment enjoyable, from the opening show, "Blotto," with the two cleverest comedians in "Shorts" on the screen. Stan Laurel (British) and Oliver Hardy. I hear for a fact that their pictures make the greatest appeal, and they are now making them in Spanish versions. Deservedly popular because they keep to clean humour. Off stage these two are tremendous pals, and help to write most of their own gags. I have seen them in dozens of comedies, and they are always amusing. (Queen's).

"Monte Carlo" in the new King's Theatre. Smart, amusing, spicy, with Jeanette Macdonald, the never-to-be-forgotten Queen Louise of "The Love Parade," as an impoverished Countess who runs away from her marriage to a Prince, and meets adventure in the person of a young attractive Count masquerading as a hairdresser. Jack Buchanan, idol of Broadway and London, who made a big success in "Paris" with Irene Bordoni, scores as the Count. There are some catchy songs, which we will all play on our gramophones till we hate them as we now do "Dream Lover" and "March of the Grenadiers." Still that means popularity, when the dogs bark them, and we all endeavour to sing them. It will be a great night in this city when the newest and loveliest acquisition to the local Talkie Theatres opens its doors in the middle of March. Let us hope it is made ONE grand Premiere.

"Rough Romance," a Fox picture to follow "Let Us Be Gay." Superb scenery, George O'Brien proves he is perfectly suitable for the Talkies, as a lumber jack in love with the storekeeper's daughter, Real old melodrama, which we used to love in the Movies, George struggling to save his honour, innocent girl (Helen Chandler), comic relief by Eddie Borden, and the sneering villain, Antonio Moreno: Great finale, hero, heroine and villain in the river with a fight for life. (Queen's).

Next, change at the Central. Well, you all raved over the "Two Black Crows," when they first appeared on the records, but "Why Bring That Up?" I leave it to your own judgment. I saw it in America, I did not like it nor the two principals. The director has done his best to make it a success, by the aid of Evelyn Brent and chorus girls. Strongly advise Moran and Mack to stick to recording, if they wish to keep their popularity. (Central).

"Slightly Scarlet," Evelyn Brent's last picture for Paramount. She is well cast as an enchanting society thief on the Riviera. Entertaining film with some humour. Eugene Pallette, being specially worthy of mention as the millionaire's husband of social climber, Olive Brook, as the hero, always

just Olive Brook, but very nice in his own way. (Central).
"Hit the Deck" coming shortly. A good chance for Jack Oakie to shine, but Polly Walker does not come up to scratch. It is amusing and the Hallelujah number will revive memories. You all had it so long ago on the records that you have forgotten it. Recommended as a good evening, entertainment, just because of Jack Oakie. (Central).

HOLLYWOOD GOSSIP.

Hedda Hopper has signed another long-term contract with M-G-M. Has recently finished in "Among the Married," smart, naughty but nice comedy, in which I saw Mary Astor, Florence Eldridge, Gavin Gordon and Edward Horton. Hedda Hopper is most attractive, and in her own type there is no one better.

Lola Moran is a success on the New York stage, which is more than one can say of the Rod la Rocque, Lya de Putti, Olive Borden and Colleen Moore.

Norma Talmadge is acting on the road in "The Greeks Had A Word For It," and will play it also in the Talkies. She is liking the stage work and is making a success of it.

Another great actress given her real chance.—Eleanor Boardman

In "The Great Meadow" scores tremendously.
Marlene Dietrich is making every one gasp. She is a riot in "Morocco" with Garry Cooper, and the recently released German film "The Blue Angel" with Emil Jannings. Garry will not play opposite the star in the next film, and



Mary Astor.

McLaglen has been chosen. Garry was not given a fair deal by Paramount. They are exploiting Marlene in a million dollar publicity stunt, to make her a bigger favourite than Greta Garbo, M-G-M's special pet. She looks like being a worthy rival to the Swedish Queen.

Bill Boyd, the blond star from Pathe, has married Dorothy Sebastian. She was engaged for a long time to Clarence Brown, and he was the husband of Elinor Fair. Dorothy Lee, always in support of Wheeler and Woolsey, has married her Press Agent, Natalie Moorhead, the beautiful vamp, has married Alan Crosland, the Director, Robert Ames has been divorced for the third time, and Pauline Frederick for the fourth time.

C. Aubrey Smith, the famous British actor, has scored with Marion Davies in "The Bachelor Father." Ralph Forbes, to whom the good breaks are now coming, another hit, also in the sequel of "Beau Geste." "The Devil Battalion." In Ronald Colman's newest "The Devil to Pay" by Londale, a small terrier almost steals the picture, so Ronnie has bought it.

When are we going to see Ina Claire, one of my favourites. A riot in "The Royal Family" with Fredric March.

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" Prime Cut	牛尾		"	30	23	11			
" Corned	咸肉	牛	"	—	23	12			
" Roast	咸肉	牛	"	30	24	22			
" Breast	肉	牛	"	28	20	18			
" Soup	肉	牛	"	25	20	18			
" Steak	肉	牛	"	30	24	22			
" Steak Sirloin	肉	牛	"	44	30	25			
" Sausages	肉	牛	"	30	25	20			
Bullock's Brains	腦	牛	per set	15	10	12			
" Tongue, fresh	腦	牛	each	65	60	60			
" Tongue, corned	腦	牛	"	—	60	—			
" Head	牛	牛	"	\$1.00	—	\$1.20			
" Heart	牛	牛	lb.	24	18	14			
" Hump, Salt	牛	牛	"	—	20	18			
" Feet	牛	牛	each	10	10	12			
" Kidneys	牛	牛	"	15	10	12			
" Tail	牛	牛	"	25	20	22			
" Liver	牛	牛	lb.	24	18	14			
" Tripe	牛	牛	"	10	6	5			
Calves' Head & Feet	牛	牛	ret	\$1.20	\$1.00	\$1.00			
Mutton Chop	羊	羊	lb.	38	28	—			
" Leg	羊	羊	"	38	28	—			
" Shoulder	羊	羊	"	34	24	—			
" Saddle	羊	羊	"	38	—	—			
Pig's Chittlings	猪	猪	lb.	30	27	—			
" Brains	猪	猪	Per set	3	—	—			
" Feet	猪	猪	lb.	16	15	—			
" Fry	猪	猪	"	38	15	18			
" Head	猪	猪	"	23	20	—			
" Heart	猪	猪	each	15	10	10			
" Kidneys	猪	猪	"	15	10	3			
" Liver	猪	猪	lb.	48	30	24			
Pork Chop	猪	猪	"	38	25	28			
" Leg	猪	猪	"	38	—	—			
" Loin	猪	猪	"	42	60	70			
" Fat or Lard	猪	猪	"	28	21	—			
Sheep's Head & Feet	羊	羊	per set	60	60	70			
" Heart	羊	羊	each	12	8	7			
" Kidneys	羊	羊	"	15	12	10			
" Liver	羊	羊	"	45	28	25			
Sucking Pigs, to order	猪	猪	lb.	25	25	22			
Butt. Beef	牛	牛	"	30	20	18			
" Mutton	羊	羊	"	38	28	20			
" Veal	牛	牛	"	22	20	20			
" Sausages	牛	牛	"	28	—	—			
" No. 1	牛	牛	"	82	—	—			
Fish.									
Barbel	鰱	魚	lb.	48	16	24			
Bream	鰱	魚	"	24	20	16			
Canton Fresh Water	淡水	魚	"	24	—	—			
Carp	鰱	魚	"	28	13	16			
Catfish	鰱	魚	"	26	16	27			
Codfish	鰱	魚	"	28	12	9			
Crabs	蟹	魚	"	32	16	17			
Cuttle Fish	魚	魚	"	22	23	26			
Dab	魚	魚	"	26	16	27			
Dace	魚	魚	"	34	23	16			
Dog Fish	魚	魚	"	16	10	—			
Eels, Conger	魚	魚	"	28	10	8			
" Fresh Water	魚	魚	"	24	16	—			
" Yellow	魚	魚	"	30	10	8			
Frogs	魚	魚	"	64	26	30			
Grouper	魚	魚	"	62	32	25			
Gudgeon	魚	魚	"	20	40	30			
Herrings	魚	魚	"	22	22	18			
Halibut	魚	魚	"	28	18	15			
Labrus	魚	魚	"	32	18	18			
Loach	魚	魚	"	58	32	18			
Lobsters	魚	魚	"	48	32	24			
Mackerel	魚	魚	"	28	32	21			
Monk Fish	魚	魚	"	32	20	20			
Mullet	魚	魚	"	38	18	2			
Oysters	魚	魚	"	34	12	2			
Parrot Fish	魚	魚	"	22	14	9			
Perch	魚	魚	"	24	30	15			
Pike	魚	魚	"	32	16	9			
Plaice	魚	魚	"	34	38	29			
Pomfret, White	魚	魚	"	30	36	30			
Pomfret, Black	魚	魚	"	38	36	45			
Prawns	魚	魚	"	60	10	14			
Ray	魚	魚	"	16	10	14			
Rock Fish	魚	魚	"	21	13	18			
Roach	魚	魚	"	28	22	10			
Salmon	魚	魚	"	50	36	30			
Shark	魚	魚	"	16	8	10			
Skate	魚	魚	"	16	10	10			
Shrimp	魚	魚	"	40	32	30			
Skipper	魚	魚	"	48	28	28			
Sole	魚	魚	"	32	22	28			
Tench	魚	魚	"	28	28	28			
Tilapia	魚	魚	"	28	13	12			
Turbot	魚	魚	"	1.10	40	—			
T. fish, smelt, fr. water									
Poultry.									
Chicken	雞	雞	lb.	65	30	35			
Capons, Small	雞	雞	"	62	28	30			
Capons, Large	雞	雞	"	64	28	30			
Duck	鴨	鴨	"	50	22	25			
Doves	鴿	鴿	each	40	22	22			
Eggs, Hen (cooking)	雞	雞	per doz.	35	18	—			
Eggs, Hen (fresh)	雞	雞	"	38	25	22			
Fowls, Canton	雞	雞	lb.	72	36	22			
Fowls, Hainan	雞	雞	"	68	35	22			
Geese	鴨	鴨	"	48	24	22			
Pigeons, Canton	鴿	鴿	each	60	30	—			
" Hoibow	鴿	鴿	"	40	28	—			
Turkeys, Cock	雞	雞	lb.	75	—	—			
Turkeys, Hen	雞	雞	"	62	61	—			
Salpe	鴨	鴨	each	32	—	—			
Pheasant	鴨	鴨	pair	2.60	—	—			
Quail	鴨	鴨	each	60	—	—			
Partridges	鴨	鴨	"	1.00	—	—			
Fruits.									
Almonds	杏	仁	lb.	35	35	—			
Apples (California)	金山	蘋果	"	30	28	—			
Bananas (bride's)	蕉	山	"	6	4	—			
Carambola	楊	桃	"	12	—	—			
Cocoanuts	椰	子	each	14	10	1			
Lemons, China	檸檬	子	lb.	12	25	8			
Lemons (American)	金山	檸檬	each	13	8	—			
Litchies, Dried	荔枝	干	lb.	60	25	3			
Oranges (Canton)	新會	甜橙	"	18	—	—			
Oranges	橙	子	"	24	—	1			
Pears (Canton)	沙	梨	"	20	—	—			
Peanuts	花	生	"	14	10	1			
Persimmons, Large	紅	柿	"	12	—	—			
Plantain	大	蕉	"	5	8	—			
Pumelo, Siam	暹羅	柚	each	16	12	—			
Walnuts	胡桃	子	lb.	20	—	1			
Grapes	香	提	"	60	—	—			
Vegetables, &c.									
Artichokes	菊	菜	each	12	—	—			
Beans, Sprout	豆	苗	lb.	5	—	—			
" Long	豆	苗	"	8	—	—			
Beet Root	紅	頭	"	12	—	—			
Bitter Squash	苦	瓜	"	6	24	—			
Brijnals, Green	青	瓜	"	15	6	—			
" Red	紅	瓜	"	6	6	—			
Cabbage, Chinese	菜	菜	"	8	—	—			
" (Shanghai)	菜	菜	"	12	12	—			
Cane Shoots, bunch	蔴	蔴	"	10	—	—			
Canflower (Large)	大	花	each	20	—	—			
" (Medium)	中	花	"	16	—	—			
" (Small)	小	花	"	14	6	—			
Carrots	金	菜	lb.	6	5	—			
Celery, Chinese	金	菜	"	10	10	—			
Chiffies, Dried	乾	菜	"	15	25	—			
" Red	乾	菜	"	10	10	—			
" Green	乾	菜	"	8	8	—			
Curry Stuff, English	英	菜	"	10	8	—			
Cucumbers	黃	瓜	"	10	2	—			
Garlic	蒜	頭	"	10	6	—			
Ginger, Young	子	薑	"	8	7	—			
" Old	老	薑	"	7	10	—			
Horseradish, Shanghai	菜	菜	"	25	8	—			
Indian Corn	粟	米	"	8	45	—			
Lettuce	生	菜	"	8	4	—			
Water Chestnuts	生	菜	"	8	—	—			
" Mandarin	桂	林	"	10	—	—			
Mushrooms, Fresh	鮮	菜	"	—	—	—			
Okroes	菜	菜	"	1	—	—			
Onions, Bombay	洋	蔥	"	10	8	—			
" Green	生	蔥	"	6	4	—			
" Shanghai	生	蔥	"	8	6	—			
Parley	芥	菜	"	15	80	—			
Potato, Sweet	甜	薯	"	5	3	—			
" Japanese	日	薯	"	4	3	—			
" American	美	薯	"	—	3	—			
Pumpkin	瓜	瓜	"	6	4	—			
Radish	紅	頭	"	5	—	—			
Rhubarb (Fresh)	大	干	"	10	—	—			
Shallot	中	干	"	6	—	—			
Splnach	中	干	"	6	—	—			
Tomatoes	大	干	"	13	4	—			
Taro	菜	菜	"	5	7	—			
Turnip, Dutch (Large)	大	干	"	6	8	—			
Vegetable Marrow	菜	菜	"	—	4	—			
Water Cress	菜	菜	"	8	15	—			
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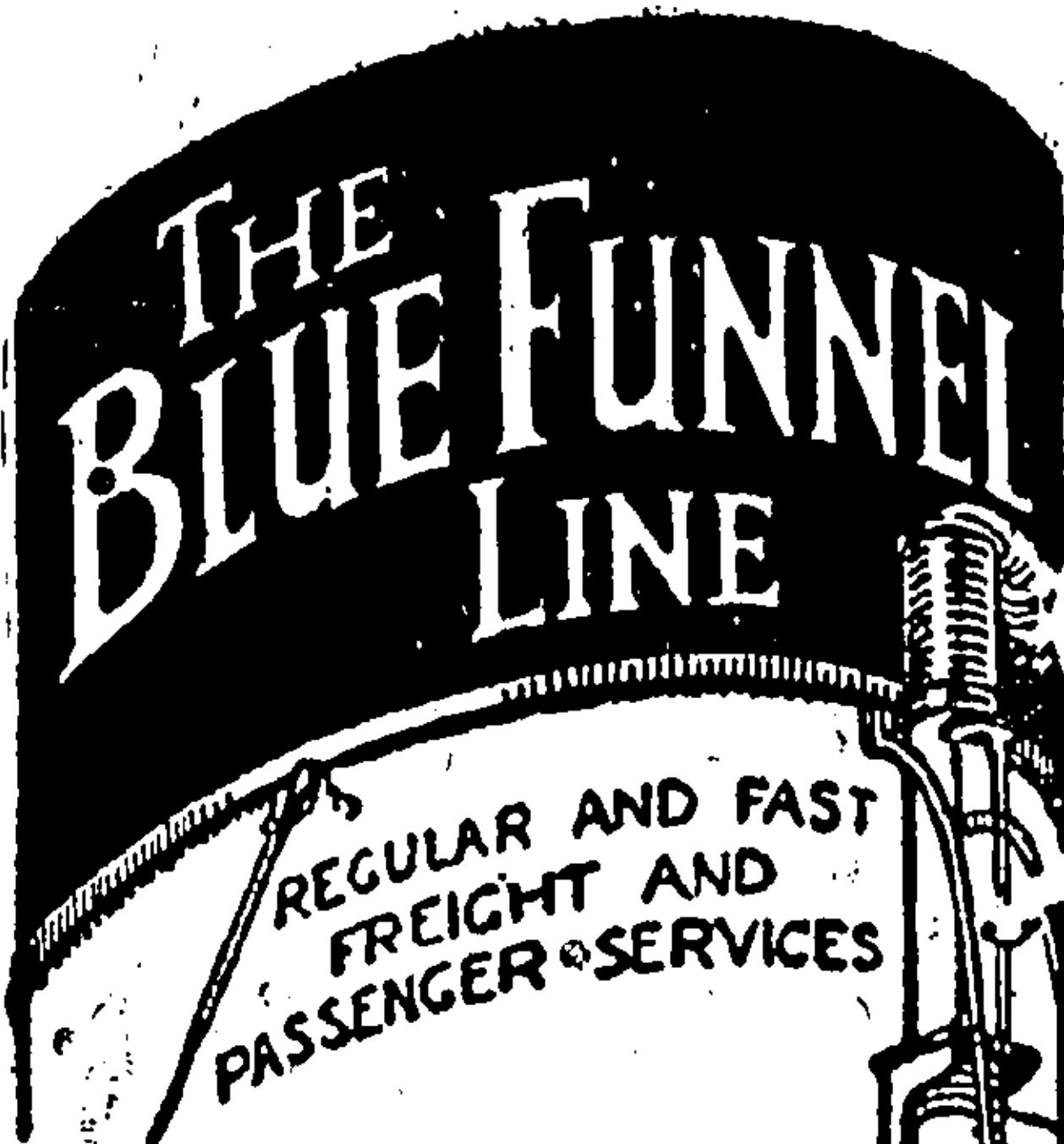
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DEARTH OF CLERGY.

Recruitment Among Anglo-Indians?

Bombay Jan. 31.

One of the problems to be discussed at the forthcoming meeting of the Bombay Diocesan Council is that of how to provide a supply of clergy to India in the future.

A memorandum on the subject by Canon G. F. Harvey, which is to be submitted to the Council, states that the position is a serious one and, unless the Church in India takes the matter in hand at once, it will be called upon in the near future to go through such a severe crisis as will shake it to its very foundations, if it does not wreck it altogether.

Discussing the future when clergy may cease to come out from England, Canon Harvey pleads that the sons of the domiciled European and Anglo-Indian communities should now be prepared for the vocation of priesthood. The canon thus supports the appeal made a year ago by the Bishop of Bombay.

Congregations of Europeans, Anglo-Indians and members of the domiciled community, the canon points out, are now ministered to

(1) by Government chaplains entirely maintained by the Government; (2) by diocesan chaplains largely paid for by Government grants and (3) the Cowley Fathers who also have a parish.

Reduction on Principle.

"Now, it is very obvious, except to those who will not see, that a great change is slowly being effected in our European parishes. For example, it is becoming increasingly difficult to obtain clergy from England, and, in course of time, European congregations will have no clergy from overseas to minister to them and will be dependent upon Indian clergy or those drawn from the domiciled community.

The cadre of Government chaplains is being steadily reduced on principle. The Government will be responsible only for providing clergy for British troops and

British-born European Government servants.

No one can quarrel with this principle, for there can be no earthly reason why the Indian Government should establish a religion which, to it, is alien.

Government chaplains will, therefore, diminish in number, and the Government will find the present organization of the ecclesiastical establishment too costly.

Suggested Solution.

Suggesting a way of avoiding the danger, the canon says:

"The Church at home is unable to provide sufficient clergy to satisfy its own need. It would seem then that, if the Church in India is to possess a supply of clergy ministering to the European and domiciled communities, it will be necessary for her to find men from among those communities in India itself.

"But when we look about us for likely material it is not to be found, and we are not surprised this is so since, in the past, the priesthood has not been held up as a vocation to which members of the European and domiciled community in India might aspire.

"Indeed, they have been discouraged from doing so. It behoves us in India, therefore, to take steps to remedy this state of affairs and to put before our boys the priesthood as a vocation."

HEIR TO \$7,000,000.

ACTIVITIES OF CLAIMANTS TO DUCKHAM FORTUNE.

Mr. Alfred S. Williams, of Newport, Monmouthshire, who has returned from Kentucky after investigating claims to the famous Duckham millions, believes that he has discovered evidence which may prove to which branch of the family the fortune belongs.

It is estimated that a fortune of \$7,000,000 belongs to the heir of Thomas Duckham, who left England for Kentucky at the beginning of last century, and died leaving mineral rights which have now attained enormous value.

There are now about eight claimants to the fortune in England and America, and Mr. Williams went to Kentucky on behalf of six women

A WOMAN'S BUSY DAY.

Torments of Persistent "Joker."

Sydney, Jan. 19.

A malicious joker has caused inconvenience to a woman in Darlinghurst, and has hampered the work of fire brigades, ambulances, and tradespeople.

The woman, Mrs. Russell, who conducts a garage, thought that the first few embarrassments were accidental, but early last Friday four undertakers called. Mrs. Russell had barely convinced them of their mistake when a number of grocers' vans commenced to unload provisions.

Then the flying squad from fire brigade headquarters rushed down the street, and a number of firemen ran into the garage. They had received an urgent call that valuable cars had caught alight. Later in the day the Paddington police called in quest of stolen goods, which, an informant had alleged, were in the garage.

Bogus Telephone Caller.

Mrs. Russell's troubles were even then not over, as two central district, ambulance waggon arrived. One telephone caller had stated that a man had been shot, and another that a woman had poisoned herself. On Saturday a number of taxi cabs arrived, ostensibly to carry a party to a picnic ground. This morning an advertisement appeared for car washers, and more than 200 men answered.

Some of them arrived before 6 o'clock having travelled from remote suburbs. Men arrived in batches and singly until the footpath was covered. Mrs. Russell was forced to call the police to explain to them that a hoax had been played on her.

and two men who met at the American consulate in London to give him power of attorney to act on their behalf.

Mr. Williams stated that the excitement in Kentucky was so intense that he was shadowed wherever he went and his cables from England were tampered with.

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